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**NO BARRIERS:** King Khalid leans forward to receive what appears to be a letter of complaint, and listens to an elderly citizen of Qasim. It is traditional for the King and royal family members to be in direct contact with the people to hear their remarks.



**MEETS CITIZENS:** King Khalid smiles joyfully as a citizen from the Qasim region gestures to make a point. The King and royal family members are touring the region to inspect conditions of the citizens on the spot and to take action for the development and progress of the nation.

# Khaled meets more citizens

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — King Khalid and members of the royal family had a busy day Monday meeting with citizens of Qasim region. At Buraida, the King gave an audience to throngs of people who flocked into the central town in the early morning to wish him well and thank him for visiting the area. Poems were read and speeches delivered on the occasion. The King ordered that a central library be set up in Buraida with a collection of Islamic books.

The King attended a similar ceremony Sunday evening at Unaiyah and donated an undisclosed amount for building a central mosque. He was accompanied by Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan, and Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr. He was met on arrival by Qasim Governor Prince Abdul-Dah bin Abdul-Aziz and other officials. The King performed the afternoon prayers with the public.

In the evening, Prince Abdullah, Prince Sultan, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majid and other princes joined the public in the Najd sword dance. The Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Khuwairat then announced that schools in the area will be closed Monday and Tuesday as students were to participate in the ceremonies.

In the meantime, Crown Prince Fahd attended similar ceremonies on behalf of King Khalid hosted by the people of Al-Bad'a and Al-Ras to show their joy at the King's visit to Qasim province. He attended a luncheon given by the people of Al-Ras. The prince was accompanied by a number of ministers, and senior officials.

For his part, Prince Abdullah visited Al-Bukairiyah, Al-Khabra, Al-Sahabin and Al-Hilaleyah on behalf of King Khalid and attended similar ceremonies. He also attended a luncheon given by the people of Al-Hilaleyah, heard speeches and poems and participated in the Najd dance. He also stopped over at Al-Bad'a on his way back to Buraida.

Riyadh Governor Prince Salman visited

## Bombs explode at two posts in S. Israel

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (AP) — Two bombs exploded Monday morning within 15 minutes of each other at two soldiers' hitch-hiking posts in southern Israel, a police spokesman said. In both incidents soldiers waiting for rides at the posts "escaped injury" because they spotted the bombs and moved out of range before they exploded.

The first charge went off at a post near Ashkelon, 48 kilometers south of Tel Aviv. It was the third time in the past year that bombs have been placed at the Ashkelon post. The second bomb exploded at the Mishmar Hanegev soldiers' post, about 56 kilometers farther south.

In the southern town of Beersheba, a boy called police sappers after finding a bag which was ticking the armed forces radio said. The bag turned out to contain clocks stolen in a burglary the night before, the radio said.

The Palestinian resistance inside the Israeli-occupied territories has claimed responsibility for two explosives attacks the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported.

## Arab panel to continue good offices

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Arab League Secretary General Cheddi Klibi said that the recently formed tripartite good offices committee will continue its efforts to solve inter-Arab differences.

Klibi who arrived here Sunday on a tour of several Arab countries said the aim was to "clear the atmosphere" and pave the way for other relations.

The committee was formed last month by the Arab summit which met in Amman from Saudi Arabia, Algeria and the Arab League. Klibi then made a tour of Arab capitals to talk with their leaders.

He said that he had found full agreement at Arab solidarity should be put above all differences and that every Arab country was determined to use its resources for the common Arab cause. It was agreed that the committee should use its good offices to move what had marred inter-Arab relations since the Tunis summit conference last year. He had talks with the leaders of Libya, Tunisia, Syria, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and PLO officials.

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## Kissinger, Sadat hold private talks

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 29 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger arrived in this Nile delta village Monday to begin talks with President Anwar Sadat, the first of a series of "private" meetings with Middle East leaders. Kissinger, who is expected to leave Cairo, complimented Sadat on the new white-stone houses among mud-brick dwellings near the Egyptian president's residence here. "They're magnificent," Kissinger was quoted as saying, by official Middle East News Agency.

Kissinger arrived in Cairo late Sunday to begin a Middle East tour and will be staying in Egypt also the former secretary of state stressed on his arrival in Cairo that he was traveling as "a private citizen to see old friends."

He was expected to sound out prospects for breaking the deadlock in the Palestinian autonomy talks. He said he would meet on his trip to "senior officials" of the Reagan administration in the United States.

## Lebanese premier given warm welcome in Syria

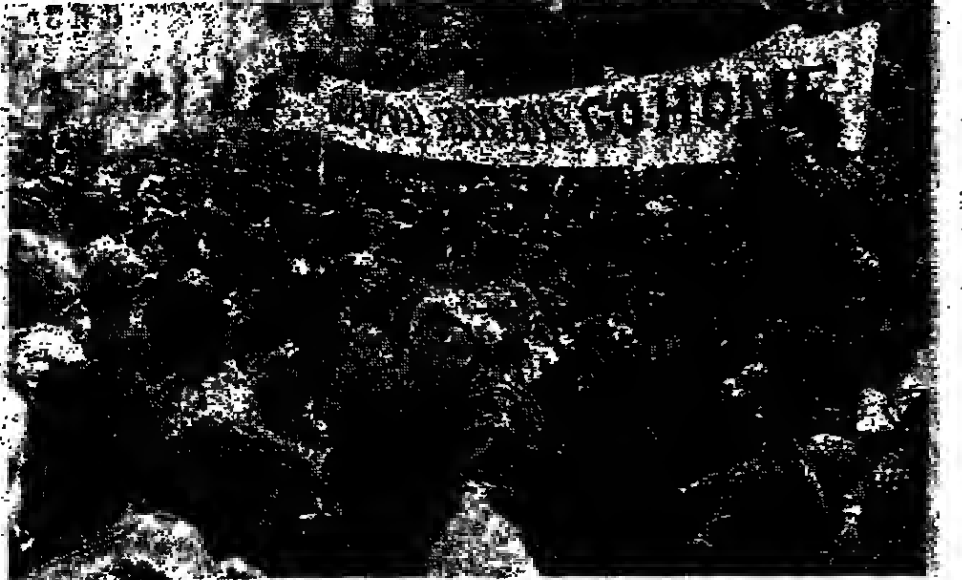
DAMASCUS, Dec. 29 (AP) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan arrived here Monday for talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad on the Lebanese security situation. Wazzan received a warm welcome at Damascus airport. He was greeted by Syrian Prime Minister Abdul Raouf Kasm and then drove to the Syrian capital to begin the talks.

Wazzan is expected to meet with Assad, Kasm and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam. Syria has a 22,000 peacekeeping force in Lebanon policing a four-month-old civil war armistice between rightist Christian and nationalist Muslim militias.

Wazzan's visit followed clashes between rightist militias and Syrian peacekeepers in the eastern Lebanese city of Zahle in which at least six Syrians and 14 Lebanese were killed.

In another development Israeli-backed Christian army renegade officer Saad Haddad said Lebanese President Elias Sarkis must be "apprehended and placed under house arrest" until he signs an order expelling all Palestinians and Syrians from Lebanon, a Lebanese daily reported Monday.

As Safer quoted the renegade Lebanese Army Maj. Haddad, who controls a five-mile deep enclave in southern Lebanon, as saying in a broadcast on the Voice of Hope radio that drastic measures were needed to prevent the "extermination of Christians in Lebanon."



**PROTEST:** Demonstrations by Afghan people in front of the Soviet Embassy in Tehran. In Kabul rioting also broke out Monday, according to a report reaching New Delhi. Soviet forces have been trying for more than a year to put down Muslim freedom fighters in Afghanistan.

## Pakistan urges U.N. talks on withdrawal of Soviets

HONG KONG, Dec. 29 (AP) — Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi called Monday for immediate negotiations under United Nations auspices to set a timetable for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

He said Pakistan will recognize the Soviet-backed regime of President Babrak Karmal "once there is a settlement and Soviet forces are withdrawn."

In a speech to the Foreign Correspondents Club, Shahi said the latest United Nations resolution calls for U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to institute a political dialogue between Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan.

He said the next step in the search of a peaceful solution to the Afghanistan crisis should be appointment of a special representative by Waldheim — or a visit by Waldheim to the three capitals for a personal assessment of the situation.

"We are ready to enter into dialogue immediately under the auspices of the secretary general provided it is understood, 'our readiness or participation in this dialogue is not construed as recognition of the Babrak Karmal regime,'" Shahi said.

He added: "We have made it clear that recognition will follow Soviet withdrawal." Shahi, who is en route to Pakistan after a four-day visit to China, said the main stumbling block to a political settlement in Afghanistan has been the Afghan government's demand for direct negotiations with Pakistan and Iran. He said Karmal repeated this offer of three-way direct talks on Sunday. Direct negotiations, he said, would imply recognition "and legitimization of a government set up through foreign intervention."

He also said that Islamic countries would find it difficult to maintain good relations with the United States if Washington attempted another rescue mission to free the American hostages in Iran. He warned that such a move "would be counterproductive and would be condemned by the Islamic world."

He called the abortive U.S. rescue raid in the Iranian desert last spring "unfortunate." He stressed that all Islamic countries had done their best to persuade Iranian leaders to free the 52 American hostages and they continue their search this year for an "honorable" settlement of the hostage crisis "consistent with Iranian interest and international law."

## Saudia takes precautionary tire measures

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — Saudia has replaced tires on some Tysar aircraft carrying the same serial number as a precautionary measure following a wheel problem incident on one of its planes, official sources said Monday.

The sources told Arab News that tires have been changed immediately after one of the company's airliner lost the metal rim of a wheel during a flight from Dabran to Karachi. The metal rim fell loose and penetrated the passengers' cabin causing the death of two children. The sources added that extensive laboratory tests were being carried on tires to determine the cause of the accident.

## Thai job agency closed; others under control

BANGKOK, Dec. 29 — A Thai job agency has been closed and many others are under surveillance following complaints of hundreds of workers seeking employment in the Middle East. Police authorities also revealed that at least five per cent of the job placement agencies operating here are bogus institutions and action was being taken against them.

The first job firm to face legal action by the Thai Labor Department for defrauding workers is the International Employment Service Company which was ordered closed Monday and a search warrant issued after the manager who is believed to be in hiding. Labor chief Vichit Saengthong said Monday that the company had charged between \$1,150 and \$1,400 per worker promising to find jobs in the Middle East.

He said similar action was being contemplated against all agencies which have been found cheating workers. "We need to clear this situation so that people will not be placed in difficulty," he added.

Meanwhile, police authorities here are also inquiring into complaints that passports of Thais who had applied for Middle East jobs were being used by dud-check swindlers and in under-hand financial dealings in Europe. The country's Interpol head Maj. Gen. Priak Voravit said Monday: "Many unsuspecting Thai job seekers are finding themselves involved in something they know nothing about."

He appealed to the government here to take stern action against job placement agencies which offer to apply for passports for workers and use them for criminal purposes in France and Switzerland without their knowledge.

Thai authorities also lifted the ban on national going to work in Iraq as the war situation there became less dangerous. The first batch of some 27 construction workers left Monday for Baghdad. The government also took precaution to ensure that the Iraq company will treat them fairly and announced that in future it could double check employment conditions before allowing Thais to go there.

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## Palestine, Jordan exempted from Iraqi entry visa

BEIRUT, Dec. 29 (R) — All Arab nationals, except Jordanians and Palestinians, will require entry visas to visit Iraq, Lebanese Foreign Ministry sources said here Monday. They said the Iraqi Foreign Ministry had informed Lebanon of the new measures, which cover the Lebanese. No explanation was given for this measure.

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Aba Al Khail says

## Economic integration of Gulf states likely

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail said the prospects of achieving economic integration between Gulf and Arabian Peninsula states are likely because of the similar economic policies adopted by the countries.

If such unity is realized, the region will be a major economic power, a center for loans and financing and petroleum and gas industries, Aba Al-Khail said. In addition, the region would also have a vital role in the international scene, he added.

In an interview with the Kuwait daily *As-Siyar*, Aba Al-Khail said there are significant factors confirming the possibility of reaching economic integration among the region's countries. He said the desire to achieve such integration is increasing day after day among the people of the area. The

region's increasing experience in dealing with the rest of the world makes economic integration essential, Aba Al-Khail added.

"We want to be viewed as equal partners by the rest of the world, rather than producers of crude," the minister said. Economic integration among the region's countries is an important step in realizing this objective, he said.

Aba Al-Khail said that Saudi Arabian-Gulf states economic unity is a natural choice, because of the traditional ties and common interests among these countries. This possibility was enhanced further by commercial and property ownership agreements which are in their final stages, he pointed out.

However, Aba Al-Khail ruled out the possibility of achieving full self-sufficiency for the Gulf region. "I don't think the question of self-sufficiency could be realized. Besides,



Sheikh Aba Al Khail

the region's states can not close in around themselves. Trade exchange means exporting and importing.

"Gulf states can secure their food and industrial requirements through their international trade relations with the financial position they have. They have financial resources in foreign currencies which makes the importing easy," the minister said. He added that the question of self-sufficiency is not an obstacle in the development process of Gulf states.

Asked about Crown Prince Fahd's criticism of the general government expenditure in comparison to the gross national income two years ago, the minister explained that it was a policy for fighting inflation and the overcharging of foreign contractors for projects in the Kingdom putting imaginary profit figures.

The crown prince had decided to follow-up over-priced contracts until they were restored to the normal figure leading to the best use of the reserves in more projects, Aba Al-Khail said. Now the situation is better since free economic policies in the Kingdom and other countries in the region has opened the door for competition, he added. The competition among international firms has curbed profit percentages, except in extraordinary cases. "We don't have any restriction regarding payment in foreign currency," the minister said.

memorial plaque, Prince Majed toured the hotel's facilities. He said after completing the inspection of the hotel that "great efforts paid-off resulting in this achievement." Prince Majed thanked the Presidency of Youth Welfare and Prince Faisal ibn Fahd for their efforts.

The hostels are places where the youths can get together in the spirit of love and virtue certainly will have an impact on the future, he said. Prince Faisal ibn Fahd thanked Prince Majed for honoring the dedication of the hotel and said the youth welfare presidency's third five-year-plan will witness the opening of youth hostels all over the country.

Meanwhile, Crown Prince Fahd expressed his appreciations of the youth welfare efforts in looking after Saudi Arabian youths. Prince Fahd cabled the president of youth welfare, Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, after reviewing the third annual statistical report about youth welfare's activities.

## Majed dedicates hostel

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — Mecca Governor Prince Majed dedicated the Jeddah youth hostel that holds accommodation for 200 people, a restaurant, a lecture hall, a library, a movie theatre and various sports facilities Sunday. Youth Welfare President Prince Faisal ibn Fahd received the governor at the hostel.

After cutting the ribbon and unveiling the

## Industry week planned

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The first national industry week will begin in Jeddah Feb. 7, Sheikh Ismail Abu Dawood, Jeddah chamber of commerce and industry president, announced Monday. The industrial week aims at introducing the national products to consumers. Caravans representing the national industries will drive in the city's streets. The issue is being discussed with Jeddah Traffic Department.

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In Al-Layth area

## Experts carry out fish resource exploration

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — A survey of Al-Layth area has begun to explore the availability of fish resources by Fouad Daghistani, director of fish wealth and research center, said here Monday.

He said experts from the center are using a 10-meter long boat for the exploration of fish resources, adding there was another work team busy on a study on economic and social survey of fishermen in Thuwal area, where fishermen's cooperative society will be set up

to provide with the modern means of fishing. He said the society would acquaint them with the places of transportation, preservation and marketing of fish, and a workshop would be set up for the repair of boats. An ice factory also would be established, he added. Daghistani said studies are being conducted to open another cooperative society in

Safwa town in the Eastern Province, adding that the center is also collecting data on carrying out a study to assess the fish reserve on the Red Sea coast, he said. Daghistani said these programs are being carried out under U.N. expert supervision with a view to developing the fisheries in the Red Sea countries and the Gulf of Aden.

## BRIEFS

Classroom contracts let

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Education Ministry awarded contracts totaling SR120 million to build 37 new primary schools in different parts of the country. Each school will have 18 classrooms.

Cleaning budget approved

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — The municipality has been given more funds to clean the city after Crown Prince Fahd approved a request to increase the cleaning budget from SR40 million to SR390 million. A number of international companies have been invited to tender for the contract.

Drainage project okayed

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — A plan to connect houses to the main drainage project in the city has been approved at a cost of SR120 million after a report submitted by a committee specially set up for the purpose.

PLO observes anniversary

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The PLO office here will hold a function Wednesday on the 16th anniversary of the Palestinian revolution. It will be attended by Mecca

Governor Prince Majed and other senior officials and citizens.

Desalination plant toured

JUBAIL, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Governor of the Eastern Region Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi toured the new desalination plant here Sunday. The plant will produce 30 million gallons a day in addition to 30 megawatts of electricity. He also toured the accommodation quarters which will take 1,000 residents.

Malaria warning

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Health Ministry has appealed to the people to take all the necessary precautions against malaria carrying mosquitoes. Ministry teams will tour houses with spray equipment during the next four months, it said.

Qasim relay station

QASIM, Dec. 29 — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that the Qasim television relay station will be vastly improved soon to enable it to cover the whole region. This will be done by linking it with satellites, during the current five-year development plan.

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## Enrollment rule passed by scholars

RIYADH, Dec. 29 (SPA) — The Academic Qualifications Equivalency Committee for the Higher Education Ministry ruled that secondary postal institution certificates in the Kingdom qualify students for enrollment in universities. However, the students should enroll in colleges that complement their education from the postal institutes, the committee said.

There are three secondary postal institutes in the Kingdom, which are located in Riyadh, Dammam and Jeddah. About 2,000 students are studying in the three institutes at present, and 360 are expected to graduate by the end of the current academic year.

In other educational developments, Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam attended the annual ceremony of the voluntary Koran memorization groups held at Al-Firjan mosque in Riyadh Saturday. Prince Sattam granted prizes totaling SR334,000 for distinguished students, among which were 16 students who memorized the entire holy book.

The ceremony was addressed by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, chairman of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling, religious guidance and Dawa (call to Islam); Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Muhammad Al-Sheikh, head of the department for promotion of virtue and elimination of vice; Sheikh Abdul Rahman ibn Abdullah Al-Firjan, head of the voluntary Koran memorization group.

The religious leaders emphasized in their statements the virtue of the holy Koran and called for total adherence to its teachings and principles. Sheikh Firjan mentioned in his statement the increasing number of Koran memorization schools. The number of schools rose sharply from only five, a few years ago, to 73 for boys and three schools for girls.

Sheikh Firjan attributed the success and spreading of the Koran memorization schools to the assistance the voluntary group receives from Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and his deputy Prince Sattam. Now 1,485 students are studying in the schools, and are taught by 84 teachers. Among the students, 123 have completed memorizing the holy book.

Sheikh Firjan added that the success of the group entitled them to have an institute for the recitation and interpretation of the holy Koran. Work on the institute will be completed shortly. The land for the institute was donated by Prince Muhammad ibn Saud, and Prince Salman donated construction expenses, Sheikh Firjan said.



REPAIRS: Saudi Telephone's Riyadh District Manager, Muhammad Jamil Mulla (rear center), inspects repair operations on eight cables damaged by a digging contractor on Khurais Road.

In February

## Leicester trade mission plans Kingdom visit

LONDON, Dec. 29 (LPS) — A wood-working machinery manufacturer taking part in the Leicester and County Chamber of Commerce trade mission to Saudi Arabia next February 13-27 can provide complete production lines, mechanization systems or entire woodworking factories under a package deal.

Wadkin Ltd. already has experience of projects of this kind, including the Arabia Woodwork flush doors factory in Jeddah, which was planned by the company's engineers.

The firm claims to make more basic machines in more models than any other woodworking machinery manufacturer, including a full range of units for use in doors,

window frame and joinery manufacture, panel trimming and sizing. Representing the company on the Leicester and County Chamber of Commerce and Industry mission will be export manager, Mr. D. Brooks.

Of particular interest to the furniture and joinery industries will be the company's FDR router which is safe, quiet and easy to operate by relatively unskilled personnel. It produces high quality mouldings with a good surface finish at 30 m/min and has a cutting velocity of 6,000 m/min. The company also produces a one-man sawing and planing line, routers, sanders, surface planers, double enders, mortisers, lathes, panel saws, bandsaws and sawbenches. A range of cutters and tools is also available.

## Contractor cited for cable damages

RIYADH, Dec. 29 — Negligence by a digging contractor caused several thousand telephone subscribers to temporarily lose their service last Wednesday, according to Saudi Telephone's Riyadh District Manager Muhammad Jamil Mulla in a press statement. Mulla also said Monday the damage would cost several million riyals to repair.

According to the official, Saudi Al Murebid Establishment workers cut through eight cables while excavating on Khurais Road, near the new National Guard complex in Riyadh. The contract company will be responsible for the damages he added.

The cables involved totaled 8,200 pairs of telephone wires, 206 junction lines connecting two exchanges and a co-axial cable running from Riyadh's television station to the transmitter site. Because of the severe extent of the damage, which caused inconvenience and disruption of service to individual subscribers, a major hotel and the television station, — approximately one-half kilometer of the cables required replacing, according to the official.

Mulla said that when the cable damage was discovered, Saudi Telephone's Riyadh District Maintenance Department immediately gathered at the scene, with mobile telephone facilities, to supervise repair operations. Co-operation, facilities, to supervise repair operations. Co-operation, material and labour assistance from the Philips-L.M. Ericsson Joint Venture and their sub-contractor, Dong Ah Construction, resulted in a crew of about 70 technicians setting up a camp on the site and working shifts around the clock to effect the repairs.

By Sunday, 7,200 of the 8,200 damaged cable pairs had been replaced and repaired, and officials said that telephone service had been restored to the majority of affected subscribers. Working lines from the remaining 1,000 pairs were transferred to an intact

Phone services disrupted

cable to ensure service continuity. The 206 junction lines, which are contained in two cables connecting the Khurais exchange with the Naseem exchange which has not yet been placed into service, would be repaired by Monday, officials said. The co-axial cable was repaired and television service resumed within two hours of the discovery of the damage.

The serious inconvenience, and danger, caused by cut or damaged telephone cables can be prevented by Saudi Telephone's free Cable Location Service — but the co-operation of digging contractors is required, Mulla said.

The universal warning of "Call Before You Dig" is aimed at anyone, private citizens and companies alike, who plans to excavate in an area where telephone cables may already be placed. The elimination of cable damage can be assured by calling Saudi Tele-

phone's free Cable Location Service at 906," the official added.

Saudi Telephone employees will provide maps and diagrams and will visit construction sites in pinpoint the exact location of telephone cables. This free service is a worthwhile investment in time and effort for both contractors and Saudi Telephone, helping to ensure service without interruption for subscribers, the Riyadh director said.

### Prayer Times

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Ishraq	6.58	7.05	6.37
Dhuhr	12.23	12.24	11.55
Assr	3.28	3.24	2.55
Maghreb	5.50	5.45	5.15
Isha	7.20	7.15	6.45

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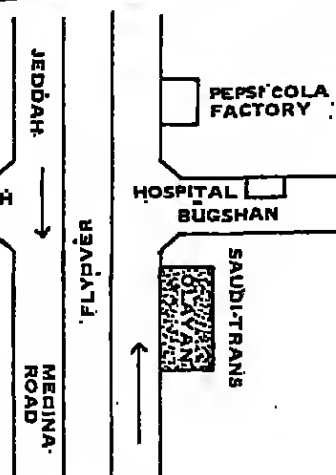
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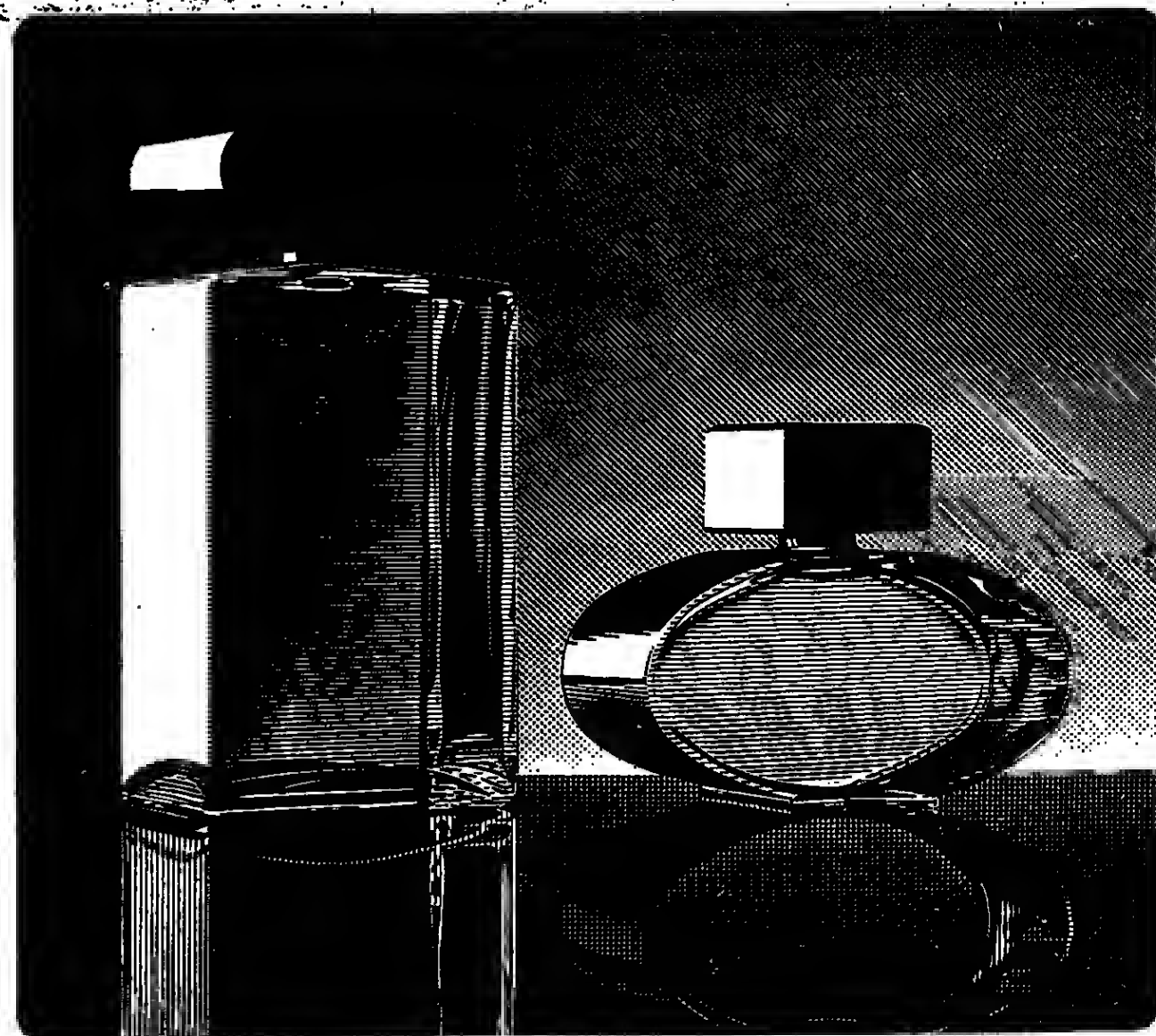
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**Ethiopia, Kenya Vs. Somalia****War of words in Horn of Africa**

NAIROBI, Dec. 29 (OFNS) — A stiff ultimatum to Somalia to end its "expansionist activities" in eastern Africa, delivered by the Kenyan and Ethiopian heads of state after a conference in Nairobi, has caused a sudden and serious deterioration of the security situation in the volatile Horn region.

The government in Mogadishu has interpreted this ultimatum as "an act of war" by Ethiopia and Kenya and has called on all Somalis to mobilize for war against the two neighboring countries.

On Dec. 15, President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya visited Sudan and held talks with President Jaafar Numeiri. The visit was seen as a step toward a tripartite pact in which Africa's largest country, Sudan, would join with Ethiopia and Kenya in a move to block what they all see as a bid by Somalia to step up its campaign to acquire its "lost lands" in north-eastern Kenya, the Ogaden of Ethiopia, and Djibouti, on the Red Sea coast.

This is a long-standing Somali dream which has always been bitterly resisted by the Ethiopians, who are once again fighting Somali rebels in the Ogaden, and also by Kenya, which has just mobilized its forces to quell a new outbreak of violence and lawlessness in the northeast, which the government here insists has been fomented from across the border in Somalia.

The new twist to the Somali secessionist campaign came with startling suddenness

after the head of Ethiopia's military government, Mengistu Haile Mariam arrived in Nairobi just as Kenyans were gripped with near-hysteria following the wave of killings in the province bordering on Somalia.

The government had just imposed a severe security clampdown on the predominantly Somali population of 300,000 in the affected north-eastern province, accusing them of non-cooperation, hiding killer gangs and secretly supporting Somalia's aims.

Western diplomats here were surprised at the severity of the reprisals taken against the population, and though a "heat of the moment" threat by the local provincial commissioner to starve the whole population by stopping famine relief supplies was overruled by President Moi, most of the Somalis were herded into makeshift camps and schools for interrogation, while many houses were burned down by the security forces.

Eyewitnesses have told barrowing stories of the harsh treatment meted out and the minister in charge of internal security, admitting there may have been over-zealousness, has offered to consider compensating those who lost their homes.

Attempts to have the security measures debated in parliament here were rejected by the speaker on the grounds that the Somali MPs who raised the issue as a matter of urgency failed to muster enough support from other members.

While there has undoubtedly been a widespread wave of unrest in this sensitive area, independent investigations reveal that many of the recent lawbreakers are fugitives from the Somali rebels fighting the Ethiopians in the Ogaden, while others are members of the so-called Somali Salvation Front (SODAF), which is backed by Ethiopia and aims to topple President Siad Barre's government in Mogadishu.

There is also a colorful character, well known and feared by the local people as Abdi Mudhobe, a deserter from the Somali army. He fled to Kenya five years ago where he turned to poaching, and was caught by Kenyan game rangers who castrated him before turning him in to the police. Later Mudhobe suffered a second misfortune at the hands of Kenyans when he was cheated by a



President Siad Barre

woman who purchased his property near Garissa with fake currency. Mudhobe swore vengeance on game rangers and those who cheated him of his money.

The raid in which seven Kenyan civil servants were shot dead and which resulted in the state of emergency being declared last month was carried out by Mudhobe and his gangsters wearing army camouflage jackets, and he is alleged to have left a note claiming responsibility. The shop he attacked was owned by the woman he claims tricked him.

The Kenyan government, however, insists that Somalia is behind all the recent trouble and is aimed at causing a state of instability prior to renewing demands for the territory to be handed over.

While many foreign observers have been surprised at the bellicose stand which Kenya is now adopting and the oft-repeated threats of ending the Somali problems "once and for all", it has also come as a shock to the government in Somalia. In reacting to the Kenya-Ethiopian demand, an official statement issued in Mogadishu expressed surprise at "how easily Kenya fell prey to Abyssinian intrigues" and hinted that Col. Mengistu was carrying out the strategic interests of what it termed "Ethiopia's unholy allies."

This Somali innuendo is seen by some observers as suggesting that perhaps Mengistu has been making the most of the anti-Somali feeling current in Kenya to try to talk President Moi out of his prior commitments to the United States for the use of military installations in Kenya, if required by the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force.

ISLAMABAD, (AP) — Pakistan has denied an Indian report that it was building an Arabian Sea base for the Chinese navy and furnishing it with U.S.-made equipment.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Egypt's Agriculture Minister Mahmoud Daoud met Israeli leaders Sunday and officials said plans for agricultural cooperation between the two countries had been discussed. Government officials said after a meeting between Daoud and Prime Minister Menachem Begin that both men had called for increased cooperation in fields such as modern methods of food growing and marketing.

DACCA, (AFP) — Bangladesh and the

**U.S., Jordan accused of conspiring against Syria**

DAMASCUS, Dec. 29 (Agencies) — Syria has accused "U.S. imperialism, Zionism and the regime of King Hussein" of Jordan of plotting against the Syrian Socialist regime.

The accusations were made by Syrian officials during the burial of Darwish Zouni, a member of the Syrian National Progressive Party, who was assassinated in Damascus Saturday. Syria blamed the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood organization for the assassination.

"U.S. imperialism, Zionism and the regime of King Hussein have turned Jordan into a den for plotting against Syria's security and stability and have turned it into a training camp for murders," said Mahmoud Zobi of Syria's ruling Socialist Baath Party Command, the National Progressive Party, to which Zouni belonged, is a junior government partner with the Baath Party.

Syria holds the Brotherhood responsible for bombings and assassinations that killed more than 200 supporters of the Baathist regime over the past 18 months.

**Turkey shootout leaves two dead**

ISTANBUL, Dec. 29 (AP) — A terrorist and a lieutenant were killed late Sunday in a shootout between army troops and gunmen in the eastern city of Gaziantep, near the Syrian frontier, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported Monday. The agency said a police chief was also wounded in the incident.

Quoting local sources, the agency reported that a security detail, acting on a tip, went to search a house in a downtown area of Gaziantep, but met with armed resistance by the occupants. Police captured one terrorist, the report said.

**BRIEFS**

United Arab Emirates have voiced grave concern over the continuing war between Iran and Iraq, and appealed to them for an immediate cessation of hostilities. A joint communique issued Sunday at the end of a three-day visit here by Rashid Abdullah Al Noaimi, UAE state minister for foreign affairs, urged the two warring countries to end their dispute through a friendly, just and honorable solution.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Three Algerian soldiers and two civilians have been sentenced to prison terms of three to 10 years by a military court for an "attack on state security," sources close to the defendants said here.

**Israeli Labor aide promises Palestinians 'wider autonomy'**

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (R) — A future Labor Party government in Israel would offer greater freedom to the occupied West Bank but would retain key areas for eventual annexation, Party Secretary-General Haim Bar Lev said Monday. In an interview with Reuters, Bar Lev said Labor would grant wider autonomy to the Palestinians than that envisaged by the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Unlike the Begin plan, however, Labor's proposal would exclude certain areas from the autonomy plan. "We will give them full autonomy but not in the Jordan Valley and not in the Etzion Bloc settlements," Bar Lev said. "These areas will remain under exclusive Israeli control with a view to incorporating them eventually into the state of Israel."

Bar Lev reaffirmed that Labor shares the Begin view that Arab East Jerusalem must remain a permanent part of the Jewish state. Labor is widely tipped in opinion polls to

regain power within 12 months and Bar Lev has been named as a possible defense minister. In this post he would have day-to-day control over territories occupied in the 1967 war. "Our principle will be to retain control over the maximum number of acres and the minimum number of Arabs," he said.

Bar Lev shares the present government's opposition to the creation of an independent Palestinian state out of the occupied lands.

**Shakaa visits Syria**

DAMASCUS, Dec. 29 (R) — Hassan Shakaa, the bomb-crippled mayor of the Israeli-occupied West Bank town of Hebron, arrived Monday for a visit at the invitation of Syrian President Hafez Assad. Shakaa lost both legs in an ear explosion last June and had medical treatment abroad.

In a press statement on arrival, Shakaa described Syria as the heart of the Palestinian people and said he was looking forward to meeting President Assad and other officials.

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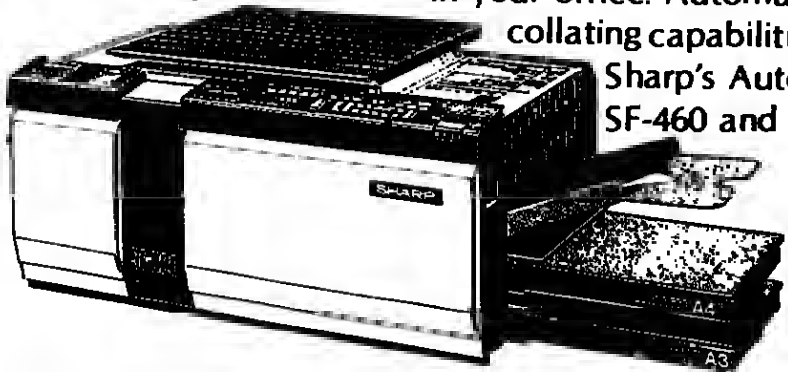
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## Arab-Americans told

## Muslims must overcome West's ignorance

By Bill Yahya Assey

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Assey, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, delivered the following speech at the 13th annual convention of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates (AAUG), held last month in Cambridge, Massachusetts.)

Nearly one-fourth of the world's population embraces the religion of Islam. Yet, here in the U.S., most Americans cannot clearly explain what the difference is between Islam and a Muslim, and in the same breath, asks what the difference is between "Allah" and the Lord of the other religions.

As the talk continues, inevitably the Middle East enters into the discussion since Arabs, and Muslims (or is it "Muslims?") are one and the same — or at least so some of the media often infer. And further, there is confusion as to why the Iranians are not Arabs and the same people, since they look alike and are all Islamic!

Even though there is a general lack of understanding of even the fundamentals of the religion of Islam, the sects and divisions are clearly understood. Many who take some interest in current events, and especially in the Islamic World and the Middle East, often attempt to explain with authority — although without facts or knowledge — exactly who and what the Sunni and Shi'a are, what they are doing to each other and their precise role in each troubled Islamic country.

To further advance the understanding of what Islam is and what Muslims believe in, President-elect Ronald Reagan has waved his sword of knowledge. I am in no position to totally evaluate Ronald Reagan's knowledge, but it seems his education and understanding of Islam has not progressed beyond the misconceptions perpetuated about the Crusades! The President-elect of the United States of America has given his "Salams" to the Muslims and has introduced himself to his counterparts in the Islamic world. With authority and a blurred vision of the current geopolitical standing of the Middle East, Reagan has declared, (*Time* Mag. Nov. 17, 1980) "... and lately we have seen the possibilities of, literally, a religious war — the Muslims returning to the idea that the way to Heaven is to lose your life fighting the Christians or the Jews." Although some of the above are generalities, I, as a Muslim, often hear such comments.

Although Muslims number more than 800 million in the world, Muslims in North America number only some 3-4 million. Muslims in North America have no ethos. It is impossible to stereotype or create an image of them. The mosaic of North American Muslims is as varied as the vastness of the Islamic World itself. Generally speaking, American Muslims do not project a high profile. This is not always by choice. The "image-making business" in the media and position promoting sectors of government, business and education are not conducive to profiling Muslims. As Muslims in America, we have many challenges and barriers to overcome — some self-created by traditional inheritance, some imposed.

## As workers go abroad

## Village loses its soul

By Peter Ristic

LJUBICEVAC, Yugoslavia — Ljubicevac is the place that has everything — everything, that is, except happy families. Its wealth is founded on Yugoslavia's biggest single export, the supply of "guest workers" for the prosperous industrial towns of Western Europe.

In the past 15 years, two million Yugoslavs have travelled abroad to make their fortunes. Nowhere is this wealth more apparent than in Ljubicevac, a Serbian village in sight of the Danube.

Until the exodus began, its peasants were always the poorest in the region.

They scraped a subsistence living from tiny plots of land and brought up their families in one-room houses of mud and wood. Now the traditional houses have gone and in their place are hundreds of brick and concrete villas representing architectural styles from every country in Europe.

Some have 15 rooms or more. All have fitted kitchens and luxurious imported furniture.

But many of them are empty, because emptiness is the price Ljubicevac has had to pay for its material gains. Almost every able-bodied man and woman works abroad. It is a village without fathers and mothers. A village of old people and children.

Only at New Year and in July is it different. Then everyone comes home from the West, tooting the horns of their new cars as they race through the narrow lanes.

On the road outside Ljubicevac, I stood with a schoolboy called Boris as he waited for his father to return home from Austria, where he has worked on the railways for 10 years.

Two 15-year-old school friends were keeping Boris company. Their fathers work abroad too, one in BMW's Munich plant, the other at a Danish agricultural equipment factory.

Boris puffed anxiously on a cigarette and repeatedly checked the time on his illuminated electronic watch. Occasionally he gulped a mouthful of wine from a bottle he was sharing with his friends.

Whenever headlights appeared, Boris shouted that this must be the bus bringing his father the station.

It is the children who suffer most in Ljubicevac. Pista Mikulovic, 17, told me scornfully: "All the adults want bigger and more expensive houses. What's the point? It is just a game."

Some villagers have built two vast homes side by side — one for themselves and one for their children when they grow up. Every day when 14-year-old Mica Goganovic wakes up he can look from his bedroom window and see the four-room house his parents have built for him.

But he can't see his parents. His mother and father are both working in Sweden and he is looked after by his grandmother and grandfather.

The world is changing, and the Islamic World is changing. American Muslims have a responsibility in this evolution. In this change in the Islamic World, there is also revolution — political revolution, economic revolution and social revolution. Although this evolution and revolution has been viewed almost daily by Americans on TV, it is questionable whether the roots and meaning have been understood, despite nightly explanations by the network Night Line. Those in government, in media commentary or even in some of the hostages' families who grasp the reasons for change, are "tamed" or "sidelined." Islam, as a major religion and directional beacon, is quickly moving with its believers into the 20th Century, and will be accorded its proper position, with or without the misunderstandings and misconceptions perpetuated in the U.S. and in other non-Islamic countries.

President-elect Reagan has given his definition of "Jihad". President Carter has stated that what happened in Iran under the Shah 25 years ago is already "ancient history." It will

Who would have imagined 3-4 years ago that an elderly religious Islamic nationalist could completely alter the international scene? Surely the super-powers did not believe a Muslim leader would have so affected their foreign policy. As Henry IV stood awaiting in the snow trying to understand the religious dilemma of his time, so now Carter stands. Not only Carter, but many more in the entourage and delegations stand in the sands of the Middle East or at the doorstep in Algiers awaiting a solution (from Iran) to the religious and political dilemma which is not understood by some, and which others refuse to study.

There is turbulence and trouble in the Islamic World from the former Spanish Sahara on the Atlantic coast to the Sulu Sea in the South Philippines. But is this unrest and evolution not an expression and manifestation of Muslim people saying, they want to join in a better way of life? Is it not a rejection of their immediate past? The Muslim people are in an unsettled area of the world that is very much a part of the changing world order. The way the U.S. media often shapes the

cover story on Islam. Time took pride in their coverage and objectivity. Yet, on the cover page, the very cover, the title "Islam" was in script with the bold-typed sub-title "The Militant Revival" Why is Islam's revival "Militant"?

Islam is a part of the changing World order. A great deal of wisdom, patience and abandonment of old ideas and past arrogance must be manifested by all parties. Many international norms are going to be thrown out the window: many already have been. Furthermore, many more internationally accepted diplomatic standards are not going to be accepted by people who had no voice in structuring these criteria, which do not recognize their plight, let alone sympathize with their non-existence status. The Europeans, Russians, Chinese and our own U.S.A. had their histories shamed by self-inflicted revolutions. The stability of so many countries is governed by long-evolved self-sustaining norms and so-called internationally recognized laws. But is it not reasonable to study the changing world order and ask who developed the current internationally accepted diplomatic criteria, and who do they serve? What is the plight of nearly 3 billion people, many of whom are also Muslims? And consider a tragic U.N. figure — 10 per cent of the world's population uses 90 per cent of the World's resources. Americans consume almost as much of the World's protein as the rest of the World has available.

The revolution in Iran surprised many. But what is really surprising is that the so-called specialists were surprised! They should not have been. What is happening in Afghanistan is tragic but part of the trend. Is the Iraq-Iran conflict the beginning of a decade of controlled disintegration? Who evolved the previously mentioned internationally accepted norms for what purposes? Why should the changing world order, with or without the Muslim resource-rich area and people-poor countries, be accepted as a matter of course? The projected annual global military budget of 1981 will be approximately \$500 billion. Is this grotesque figure to maintain or deter the changing World order?

Since Islam is not so well understood in the educated, democratic, free, open, highly developed and limited industrialized world with all its facilities at hand, how can such a highly elevated society, which is a lesser percentage of the world, be understood by an opposite world, including the Muslim World, a world that is trying to up-root what was and to make itself into what it aspires to be?

Islam in itself may not be the sole political unifying factor for a diverse Muslim people. But Islam is a very broad based religious system. Islam for many Muslims offers an alternative to both the Western and Eastern systems. Perhaps if Islamic principles are implemented in their truest sense, a Third World order will evolve. The unrest in so many of the developing areas of the World is not only because of the lack of resources and education. There is also a record of a lack of commitment by the endowed, a lack of achievement by those with capacity, and the inability of either the Eastern or Western systems to help solve the less developed countries' pressing problems.

What happened in Monrovia, Liberia, in many ways was not so unlike Tehran, Iran. What is happening in Morocco and the former Spanish Sahara is not, in many ways, unlike the Iraq-Iran conflict. The Sudan — compare it with Indonesia. Parallels and contradictions there are and must be discussed.

The changing world order started 3 decades ago — whether we noticed or not — and the decade of the '80s will bring greater changes.



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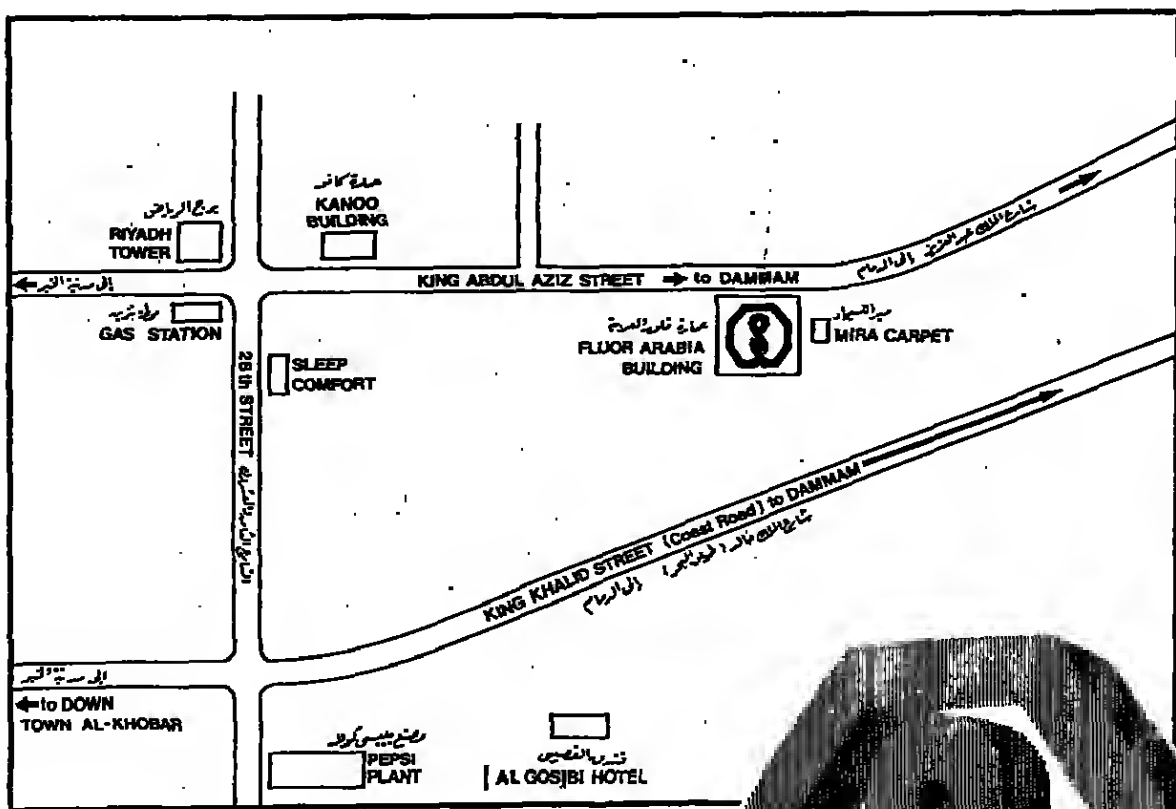
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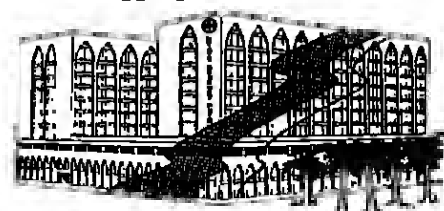
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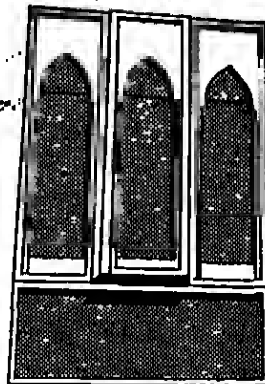


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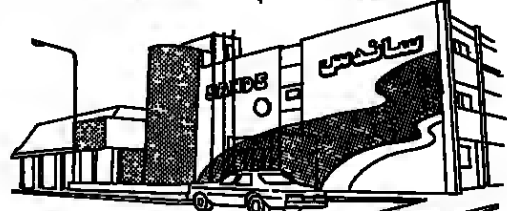
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## El Salvador troops encircle leftist force

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 29 (R) — Government troops have surrounded a 1,500-strong left-wing guerrilla force which advanced into El Salvador from mountain refuges on the Honduras border two days ago, army sources said Monday.

A member of the army garrison in the department of Chalatenango said the guerrillas were encircled near the town of Dulce Nombre de Maria, 160 km north of San Salvador, after nearly 24 hours of fierce fighting. El Salvador's defense minister, Col. Jose Guillermo Garcia, said earlier that the army had checked guerrilla advance. He said the guerrilla column was made up of Cubans, Panamanians, Nicaraguans, and Salvadoreans.

Official sources said it also contained militants from the five major guerrilla groups which make up the so-called Democratic

Revolutionary Front. The front's leader, German Cienfuegos, recently launched that preparations were underway for a final offensive against El Salvador's ruling civilian-military junta.

Army sources said at least 20 guerrillas and six soldiers were killed in the fighting near Dulce Nombre de Maria. An army spokesman said other guerrilla groups clashed with troops in several towns north of Chalatenango but were contained by the army.

He said the troops intended to wipe out the guerrillas and clean up the area which had become a hideout for insurgents. The guerrilla advance into northern El Salvador was one of the biggest offensives of the undeclared civil war which followed the overthrow of El Salvador's military president, Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero, in October 1979.

## 7 die in French avalanches

GRENOBLE, France, Dec. 29 (AP) — Two separate avalanches in the French Alps Sunday killed seven persons, including five members of the state police force who were guarding a television crew against mountain dangers. Since last Monday, 15 persons have been killed by avalanches in France.

The policemen had been specially trained in mountain security. A few days ago, they were assigned to guide and protect a television crew while it was filming a mountain adventure series for a French station.

The television crew members and about 10 other agents on the expedition near the Alpine town of La Grave escaped injury, authorities said. "It was a miracle no one else was injured or killed," said Gaetan Barrere, the head of the police mountain team.

Barrere said six of the agents were ahead of the rest of the group when one of them noticed a dangerous change in the snow and radioed back to the others to take cover. He said the group ran to a nearby tunnel.

## 'Religious fanatics' attacked by Nigerian army

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, Dec. 29 (R) — Nigerian army units sent to quell sectarian rioting in the northern Nigerian city of Kano have routed out rioters from areas they held and freed 65 hostages, Lagos Radio reported Sunday night.

## S. Africa jet crashes

MASERU, Lesotho, Dec. 29 (AP) — A South African Airways passenger plane crashed while landing Monday at Maseru Airport, but the passengers and crew escaped injury, the South African Broadcasting Corporation reported.

The SABC said the Hawker Siddeley 748 twin-engine turboprop was on a scheduled flight from Johannesburg to the Lesotho capital with 18 passengers aboard.



PRACTICE: A U.S. Department of Defense frogman dives from a helicopter into waters near Kennedy Space Center during practice for the March 14 launch of America's space shuttle. Frogman may be called in to rescue the shuttle crew on its return to earth.

## Police power grows

## French left hits identity law

PARIS, Dec. 29 (Guardian) — What the French left has called the most shameful law since the Vichy regime was passed by the French Parliament recently when it approved rigorous police identity controls and a police right to hold suspects for three days without charge.

With a touch of irony, the law obliges police to carry out identity controls with courtesy but for the first time since the war, French people and visitors must show their papers to the police. If they refuse, they will be held in custody for six hours until they have proved their identity. If not, the police can hold them for three days.

Despite a previous freedom of choice when approached by police, the authorities have long since turned a blind eye to tough police controls on immigrants and young people which now have official backing. The new law is part of a range of repressive reforms which Le Monde said posed the whole question of "human rights and the extension of police power over citizens." In parliament, the leader of the left-radicals, Michel Crepeau, said use of the new power "would show whether France will still be a democracy in the coming years."

Apart from giving police more control, the laws restrict judges over the flexibility of sentences for violent crimes, reduces prison parole and introduces new criminal charging procedures that can short circuit the protection of examining magistrates.

Although the reforms, sponsored by the

justice minister have been modified during bitter debates in both houses, the essential theme of a reduction in judicial and personal liberty has been maintained.

The project which had the general title of "Safety and Freedom" is seen as part of the general pattern of repression during the closing months of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing's seven years in office. The minister a Gaullist who was brought into the cabinet as a liberal reformer, has been instrumental in checking moves to abolish the guillotine and blocking procedures that could have thrown light on a series of scandals including the gift of diamonds to Giscard from former Emperor Bokassa.

But the leader of the Communist group in the assembly, Robert Ballanger, saw the latest changes as more evidence of Giscard's increasing dominance.

## Belfast soldier killed

BELFAST, Dec. 29 (AP) — Gunmen shot dead a part-time soldier late Sunday night, ending a Christmas calm in the troubled British province, police reported Monday.

Hugh McGinn, 47, a part-time member of Britain's territorial army reserve and a father of five children, was gunned down when he answered a knock at the front door of his home in Avonagh, 48 km southwest of Belfast, police said.

A number of gunmen were involved and several shots were fired in the incident police said. The assassins escaped in a car.

## Explosives found

## Sydney bomber asks \$1m

SYDNEY, Dec. 29 (R) — The Woolworths stores chain received an extortion note asking \$1.17 million Monday after another bomb was found in one of its shops, police said. Three Woolworths stores were bombed earlier this month. The only explosion during business hours, in a big shop in central Sydney on Dec. 24, slightly injured two people after thousands of shoppers and staff had been evacuated following a telephone warning.

Police refused to give any details of the extortion note, but a Sydney newspaper reported that it threatened more bombings in trading hours with less warning time unless Woolworths paid \$1.17 million in cash, gold, and diamonds.

The bomb was discovered by a security man in a Woolworths store in Liverpool, west of Sydney, late Sunday night. An army bomb disposal team removed it for examination. Woolworths has offered \$293,000, the big-

gest reward in Australian history, for information leading to the arrest of the bomber.

It has also hired private guards to increase protection of its 256 stores in New South Wales state. Police believe the bombings may be connected with an attempt in October to extort \$940,000 from Woolworths with a threat to poison foodstuffs.

## Reagan Time's man

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (R) — The American news weekly Time has named President-elect Ronald Reagan its man of the year, describing him as a man who has "risen so smoothly and gracefully to the most powerful and visible position in the world."

"He has revived the Republican Party and has garnered high initial hopes, even from many who opposed him, both because of his personal style and because the U.S. is famished for cheer," Time said.

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## Sleepy port now boom town

## Bintulu reels under impact of wealth

BINTULU, Malaysia, Dec. 29 (R) — Bintulu was a small sleepy seaport in Malaysia's isolated state of Sarawak until a few years ago when it was chosen as the site for a \$1.2 billion plant to liquefy offshore natural gas. Malaysia's largest single investment has turned Bintulu into the country's boom town with a population that has burgeoned six-fold to more than 50,000 in just two years. "They were literally coming out of the jungle on to the building sites," said one of the hundreds of expatriates who came here to set up the liquefied natural gas (LNG) project about 20 kms from the town's center.

Bintulu's growth will not stop with the huge gas scheme. A site has already been earmarked for a \$330 million urea fertilizer plant, one of five joint industrial projects

agreed by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Hand-in-hand with these projects is a \$500 million dollar deep-water port, construction of which started last year. Also planned are an airport, a regional hospital, an agricultural college and tens of thousands of houses.

But the rapid growth that is changing Bintulu almost overnight from a fishing and logging port into Sarawak's biggest town has brought with it a fair share of social and economic problems. It now ranks as Malaysia's most extensive town with housing, hotel, taxi and food costs as high or higher than in the federal capital, Kuala Lumpur, a shabby room in the mushrooming shanty town along the river costs workers almost half their pay.

## U.S. conducts study

## Chlorination said cancer risk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (WP) — New studies have provided "significant evidence" of slightly increased cancer risks among people who drink chlorinated water, which includes 75 per cent of the U.S. population, the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality has said. The chlorine industry did not dispute the finding.

In a report on five independent studies in as many states, the council said the findings showed "increased risks large enough to be of concern, but small enough to be very difficult to separate from ... risks associated with other environmental factors."

The studies were focused on 11,398 people who died of gastrointestinal or urinary tract cancer in five upstate New York counties, 20 parishes in Louisiana, 70 Illinois counties outside Chicago and all of Wisconsin and North Carolina. These were matched up with groups similar in age, sex, occupations and other factors, but who died of other causes. The main differentiating factor between the two groups was that more in the first group had drunk chlorinated water.

The report, prepared for CEO by Science Asia history planned

BANGKOK, Dec. 29 (AP) — An international team appointed by the U.N. Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization has begun work on a 27-century history of central Asia, a UNESCO release said Monday. The six-volume work is expected to comprise 3,000 pages and will include the history of Afghanistan, western China, northern India, northeast Iran, Mongolia, Pakistan and the central Asian republics of the Soviet Union. The release said the work would be useful in helping the peoples of the region "discover, re-evaluate and assert their own cultural identity." The history is to be first published in English and later translated into the languages of the region.

Research Systems Inc., a Ruston, Louisiana, consulting firm, stressed that chlorine itself is not the likely culprit. Instead, it is the organic compounds like chloroform that form when chlorine combines with natural and man-made organic material in the water.

"Chlorine almost singlehandedly relegated waterborne diseases to the bottom of the list of causes of death in this country," noted CEO member Robert Harris. "Not using chlorine is not the issue. We can use it in a less risky way."

The studies found risks among chlorinated-water drinkers to be from 13 per cent to 93 per cent higher for rectal cancer and around 53 per cent higher for colon and bladder cancer. Subjects in one study drinking chlorinated rural runoff water were up to three times likelier to have died of rectal cancer than the control group.

That, Harris said, is because rural runoff has more natural organics in the form of fertilizer and decaying vegetable matter than urban runoff does, and therefore more organic compounds will form when chlorine is added.

These compounds are called trihalogenated methanes, and large doses of them have been linked to cancer in laboratory animals. "There's an alphabet soup of organic material that results from chlorination, and all the byproducts aren't even identified yet," Harris said.

Robert Mitchell of the Chlorine Institute in New York noted that the findings appeared to reinforce other studies on the effects of chlorine in water. "I guess we can't dispute it at this point," he said.

The industry produces 12 million tons of chlorine each year and sells it for \$1.2 billion wholesale, he said, but chlorine for water is only 5 per cent of the business. Chlorine's largest use is in making polyvinyl chloride, a supple plastic used in seat covers and elsewhere, and in bleaching paper, he said.

Bintulu's housing shortage is acute and the authorities have launched a crash program to build houses for up to 30,000 people to cope with a projected population of more than 150,000 by the end of the decade. The authorities admit that development planning should have been carried out when the ambitious LNG and port plans were announced.

"The problem is that we are now having to do in five years what should take 25 years," said Sulung Matjara, the newly-appointed general manager of the Sarawak state government's Bintulu Development Authority (BDA).

BDA's own offices in Bintulu are not scheduled for completion until August next year. The town has been administered from Sarawak's capital, Kuching, about 500 kms to the west, with senior officials making visits by plane.

Bintulu's virtual inaccessibility by road has compounded its problems. With no road through to Kuching, almost everything has to come in by air, river or sea, which has helped to push up prices and delayed deliveries.

But as with all boom towns, Bintulu's inhabitants — the businessmen, the shopkeepers, the restaurant and hotel owners, and the workers themselves — will put up with the chaos as long as the money keeps rolling in.

Bintulu has drawn its unskilled work force from all parts of Sarawak. Most are Ibans or Sea Dayaks, many of them from logging camps in the interior, and, according to officials in Kuching, this has caused labor shortages for the state which has a population of only 1.2 million.

Officials see Bintulu's development as the state's number one priority. But they are also aware of the danger on a lopsided development: wealth in the towns and extreme poverty in the undeveloped interior where many communities are reached only by boat.

However, the state's thrust towards industrialization has been eased by the abundance and diversity of its natural resources. Last year it exported oil worth \$630 million and timber worth \$410 million. Other exports include rubber, palm oil, coconut oil and fish products.

The federal government has also backed up its confidence in Bintulu's development by providing the necessary finance from its resources and by loans raised through commercial banks, Japanese yen credits or development agencies.

A syndicated loan worth \$550 million involving 62 banks was agreed earlier this year to help to finance the LNG project which has been set up as a joint venture between Petronas, the government's national oil agency which owns 65 per cent of the capital, the Royal Dutch Shell group and Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation, each of which holds 17.5 per cent.



WINTER FEEDING: Deer venture toward troughs of dried grass put out by gamekeepers near Ralspolding, West Germany. Winter snows make finding food a problem for the animals. (AP photo)

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## Japan's budget below U.S. hopes

TOKYO, Dec. 29 (R) — The Japanese cabinet Monday approved an austere national budget which failed to meet U.S. hopes on defense spending to counter a Soviet military build up in the Far East. The draft allowed for a 7.61 per cent rise in defense spending over the fiscal year 1980, which ends next March, far short of demands from Washington and the Japanese defense establishment for an increase of about 10 per cent.

The cabinet accepted the budget, which goes to parliament next month, after a week of debate in the conservative ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) over the finance ministry's initial draft which would have raised spending on defense by only 6.7 per cent.

The finance ministry said the final draft held government expenditure for fiscal 1981 at (\$225 billion), a rise of 9.9 per cent. The increase, the lowest in 22 years, was designed mainly to reduce massive deficit financing through national bond issues.

## Soviet Bloc changes steps to protect living standards

VIENNA, Dec. 29 (R) — Except for East Germany, all Soviet Bloc states have altered their sights in their economic plans for next year and are preparing for another year of restrictive policies to protect domestic living standards. The example of Poland has shown it could be dangerous to let living standards fall too much while pushing for industrial expansion.

Most of East Europe has been adversely affected by rising oil prices and recession in the West.

East Germany whose strong economic position within the Soviet Bloc roughly parallels that of West Germany in the Common Market, provides the main exception, planning a vigorous five per cent growth rate next year.

The 1981 annual plans, announced in pre-Christmas parliamentary sessions across the Soviet Bloc, all seek to clear oil-induced balance of payments deficits with strong export expansion and a curb on Western imports.

Continuing a trend seen this year, the East Europeans will cut back on costly investment

The major alteration in the government draft was on defense spending, which was increased to (\$11.5 billion) — the world's eighth largest defense budget — from the (\$11.1 billion) envisaged by the ministry. Government sources said it allowed for the purchase of two U.S. C-130 transport planes, a 4,500-ton missile destroyer, six Japanese-made short-range surface-to-air missiles and a 2,900-ton destroyer, all of which were excluded from the finance ministry's plan.

The sources quoted Defense Minister Joji Omura, who said earlier this month he could not be held responsible for Japan's security unless defense spending was increased by 10 per cent, as saying on the 1981 budget improved prospects for completing the ministry's five-year defense plan ahead of schedule.

The United States has increased pressure on Japan to do more to protect itself, especially its shipping lanes, in view of the Soviet military build-up in the Far East, the Iranian crisis and the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.



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## BRIEFS

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KUWAIT, (AP) — The Arab-Latin Bank will double its capital to \$200 million, board chairman Abdel Wahab Tamar said Sunday. The bank operates in Latin America.

TOKYO, (R) — Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, who stressed after taking office in July that he attached great importance to peace and prosperity in Asia, will emphasize his position by making his first official overseas visit to members of the strategically important Association of South-

east Asian Nations (ASEAN).

BRUSSELS, (AFP) — The 700 people of Manhay, a village in southern Belgium, hope to sell a million liters of their mineral water a day in bottle to Saudi Arabia, according to press reports here. Manhay local council is said to have provisionally approved the project, which would also require the consent of the regional authorities.

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, (AP) — Just 12 months after the last shots were fired in an economy-crippling independence war, Zimbabwe is poised to become a major supplier of food to neighboring states now dependent on white-ruled South Africa. David Spain, president of the Commercial Farmers Union, predicts the 14,300 commercial farmers in what was formerly the British colony of Rhodesia will reap the biggest crop of corn since 1974. Of the 1.6 to 2.2 million metric tons of corn expected, between 800,000 and one million metric tons will be available for export to surrounding black countries that might otherwise face famine.

## \$272m Kuwaiti company to prospect for foreign oil

KUWAIT, Dec. 29 (R) — Kuwait, a major oil producing country, is to set up a company to undertake oil explorations abroad, government spokesman Abdulaziz Hussein said. He said the cabinet (Sunday) authorized the state-owned Kuwait Petroleum Organization (KPO) to set up the company with a capital of (\$272 million).

The KPO was established last January as part of a restructuring of state-owned oil companies, and is headed by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah. Kuwait currently produces 1.5 million barrels of oil per day. Meanwhile, in Dacca Sunday, Bangladesh and the United Arab Emirates announced plans to cooperate in oil and gas exploration

and study the possibility of undertaking joint ventures in other fields. A joint communiqué, issued after a three-day visit by UAE State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Rashid Abdul-Ah Al-Nuaimi, said the Gulf state was willing to invest in mutually beneficial projects in Bangladesh.

It said a meeting of the joint ministerial commission Saturday discussed areas of further cooperation and reviewed current world issues, with Rashid and Bangladesh foreign ministry Muhammad Shamsul Haq leading their respective teams. The two countries agreed to try to increase bilateral trade and said they hoped to sign a trade agreement in the near future.

## Reagan expected to introduce comprehensive economic program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (R) — Ronald Reagan will introduce a comprehensive economic program soon after taking office as president that will include stimulative tax cuts, and "extreme measures" to reduce government spending, his top adviser said Sunday. Transition director Edwin Meese said President-elect Reagan would dwell on the serious state of the economy on his inaugural address Jan. 20 and would introduce his plan for dealing with the situation. As part of these

economic measures, he said, Reagan was considering a meeting with Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board — the U.S. Central Bank — either just before or after his inauguration to discuss the issue of stabilizing the money supply.

Asked on CBS television program "Face the Nation" if this would be interfering with the board, Meese said: "There's no reason why people with authority in a particular field can't talk about how they can best handle the situation."

"The fact that the president will communicate the comprehensive program... will be helpful to the Fed in determining their own money supply policy."

## Qatar starts plan for desalination

MANAMA, Bahrain, Dec. 29 (AP) — The oil-rich state of Qatar has started a large-scale water desalination program for irrigation, with an initial \$1.2-billion appropriation, the Gulf News Agency reported Monday.

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Dutch Guilder (100)	157.00	—	156.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.00	91.85
French Franc (100)	74.00	74.35	73.70
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.00
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.40	36.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.30
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.86	10.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.27	12.27
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.00	91.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	81.50	81.86
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.30
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" " "	Supply of water coolers and airconditioners	21/400/401	Free	Jan. 14
" " "	Repairs to schools (first lot)	22/400/401	150	Jan. 17
" " "	Repairs to schools (second lot)	23/400/401	150	Jan. 18
" " "	Cleaning of schools (first lot)	24/400/401	100	Jan. 19
" " "	Cleaning of schools (second lot)	25/400/401	100	Jan. 20
Ministry of Education	Repairs to Qairif Fort, Gishlah building and State Palace in Hail	28/M	100	Jan. 13
Department of Education, Nejm	Supply of school furniture and other equipment	—	200	Jan. 3

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5	Vorras	Alasab	Bagged Barley	28-12-80
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7	Elikoo	Alpha	Bagged Barley	28-12-80
8	Eastern Mariner	Fayez	Bagged Barley	26-12-80
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20	Maldiva Novel	Oc. Trade	Rice/Sorghum/ Maize/ Ti tuber	25-12-80
21	Atlantic Current	Algeziab	Bagged Sugar	27-12-80
22	Saudi Star	Oc. Trade	Tiles/Dummers/General	28-12-80
23	Aconcagua Valley	Star	Reefer	20-12-80
24	Upwey Grange	Barber	Timber	28-12-80
26	Noshiro Maru	Alireza	Heavy Vehicles/General	28-12-80
27	Taeping	Gulf	Cranes/Refuse Trucks	25-12-80
28	Lady of Lorne	S.S.M.S.C.	Maize/Rice	27-12-80
29	Sun Happiness	O.C.E.	Reefer	27-12-80
30	Mistral Universal	Star	Reefer/General	22-12-80
31	Juba	Star	Government Cargo	27-12-80
38	Notre Dame D'Afrique	S.F.T.C.	Coats/General/Ten/Fibre	28-12-80
41	Lanka Keerti	Gulf	Bagged Barley	27-12-80
42	Prometheus	H.S.S.C.	Bagged Barley	27-12-80

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20	Elikoo	Alpha	Bagged Barley	28-12-80
23	Lanka Keerti	Gulf	Coats/General/Ten/Fibre	28-12-80
26	Noshiro Maru	Alireza	Heavy Vehicles/General	28-12-80
27	Upwey Grange	Barber	Timber	28-12-80
28	San Pedro	Rezayat	Containers	28-12-80
29	Vorras	Alasab	Bagged Barley	28-12-80
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8	Ergina-1	Gosaibi	General	20-12-80
10	Amoor	AET	Loading Export Urea	20-12-80
15	Ziart	SEA	Onion/Gen	14-12-80
20	Robus Hood	UEP	Rice/Gen/Mailbags	28-12-80
23	Al Samiah	Kanoo	Containers	28-12-80
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OPEN AIR: a barber's shop in the Punjab



## Despite injuries

## India confident on Tests

BRISBANE, Dec. 29 (AP) — Injuries to three test stars dampened the dominance of India's draw with Queensland at the Brisbane cricket ground, here, Monday.

The tourists flew to Sydney Monday night with pace bowlers Karsan Ghavri and Roger Binoy and opening bat Chetan Chauhan in doubt for Friday's first Test against Australia.

Left arm seamer Ghavri's torn shoulder and rib muscles is the most worrying and tour manager, Wing Commander Durrani, ordered a precautionary X-ray.

"It is doubtful if Ghavri will be fit enough to practice before the test," Durrani said.

Chauhan is also in doubt with a ruptured blood vessel on the right ankle after being stuck when he fielded as substitute during Queensland's second innings Monday, while Binny has contracted a virus.

But good news for the Indians was the rapid recovery of exciting allrounder Kapil Dev who was forced out of the Queensland match with a badly bruised heel.

The match was destined for a draw when India batted on in its second innings with dashing Sandeep Patil needing eight runs to complete his first century of the tour.

But Queensland had other ideas and Geoff Dymock ended his stay at 97, forcing an edge to keeper Ray Phillips who held a spectacular diving catch.

The aggressive Patil displayed a wide range of dazzling strokes during his stay which began after tea Sunday and his 13 fours and a six clearly demonstrated his attitude.

The innings was closed at 344 for eight, setting Queensland the near impossible task of scoring 394 to win in 324 minutes.

Geoff Dymock's two for 56 and Jeff Thomson's three for 58 showed both are far from finished as they overcame the Placid Gabba strip and the patient Indian batsmen intent on getting vital practice for the tests.

When Queensland began its long haul Yogrj Singh and his back-up paceman Roger Binny were anxious to give Queensland's second string batsmen a going over and steal a psychological advantage on the eve of the Test.

The Indian pacemen showed they meant business with a series of short pitched deliveries that had the Queensland operators ducking, but David Rathe and Martin Kent survived long enough to add 31 before Rathe was bowled by Binny for 17.

Kent put together an entertaining 41 before he fell victim to his own impatience and it was left to Queensland to bat out time until the storm hit midway through the afternoon session.

After the match Wing Commander Durrani threw off the gloom caused by this injured players and predicted an even Test series against Australia.

Score — Board  
India (1st innings) 308.  
Queensland (1st innings) 259 for 9 declared.

## India (2nd innings):

S. Gavaskar c Phillips b Rackemann 108; T.E. Srinivasan b Dymock 31; D. Vengsarkar c Hohns b Rackemann 4; G. Viswanath c Kent b Rackemann 47; S. Patil c Phillips b Dymock 97; Kirti Azad c Morgan b Thomson 40; R. Binney LBW Thomson 1; K. Ghavri c Phillips b Thomson 0; Yogrj Singh not out 2. Extras 14. Total (for 8 wickets, declared) 344.

Fall of wickets: 11-44, 2-51, 3-142, 4-215, 5-331, 6-333, 7-333.

Bowling: Thomson 18-3-58-3; Dymock 17-2-35-2; Rackemann 27-4-109-3; Hohns 12-3-49-0; Lillie 16-4-58-0; Broad 1-1-0-0.

## Queensland (2nd innings):

D. Rathe b Binny 17; M. Kent b Yadav 41; W. Morgan not out 23; T. Hohns not out 3; Extras 1. Total (for 2 wickets) 85.

Fall of wickets: 1-31, 2-76.

Bowling: Yogrj Singh 8-4-20-0; Binny 5-1-18-1; Yadav 13-5-23-1; Patil 12-3-22-0; Kirti Azad 2-1-1-0.

## Roma held in ugly encounter

ROME, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Roma's lead at the top of the Italian First Division held to a 1-1 draw in an ugly battle away to penalised bottom club Perugia.

The referee's whistle worked overtime. Six players were booked and the match had to be stopped when Roma's international goalkeeper was hurt by a missile thrown from the terraces.

Roma got off to a flying start when Scarnecchia scored after just five minutes.

The standard of play steadily deteriorated just when it looked as though they would come away with maximum points Perugia, penalised by the Italian football League at the start of the season together with Bologna and Avellino for their part in the betting scandal, snatched an equaliser.

With just 60 seconds left to play Di Genaro latched onto a bad mistake by the Roma defence.

A goal from Evaristo Becossi enabled Inter to close on Roma at the top of the table at Ascoli but Juventus slipped when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Avellino at Naples.



Roger Binny

## Chappell leads Australian go-slow

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Australian batsmen Monday dug in in an effort to ensure the third Test against New Zealand at the Melbourne cricket ground results in a draw.

At stumps in their 2nd innings, and nine days play remaining, Australia was three for 121.

Even though the wicket is playing slower and lower by the day — there seems no other result possible than a draw.

Any team would be struggling in the fourth innings to make 200 and with only three wickets down, Australia are in an extremely comfortable position.

Skipper Greg Chappell let it be known he

was not going to throw this chance away by batting for 139 minutes Monday to score an unbeaten 43 runs.

Opener Graeme Wood 100 was subdued, his 21 taking 98 minutes without a boundary.

Vice-captain Kim Hughes was the only exception and it was sheer frustration which eventually saw his dismissal.

Hughes, who had cracked two big fours which landed just inside the fence, lost concentration after reaching 30. He danced down the wicket to Richard Hadlee and was bowled after missing with a wild cross bat

slog.

## Score Board

Australia (1st innings): 322  
New Zealand (1st innings): 317  
Australia (2nd innings):  
J. Dyson lbw Cairns 16; G. Wood 100; K. Hughes b Hadlee 30; A. Border b Hughes 6; Extras 5. Total (For 3 wickets) 121.  
Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-64, 3-111.  
Bowling: Hadlee 16-3-34-2; Troup 10-1-30-0; Cairns 17-4-42-1; Bracewell 4-2-9-0; Coney 1-0-1-0.

## England stars miss Gold Cup

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 29 (R) — Six of the world's best soccer nations meet in Uruguay this week to play out local and inter-continental rivalries in the Montevideo Gold Cup for former world champions.

Hoss Uruguay and their soccer-mad neighbors Argentina and Brazil will be joined by three of Europe's best — Italy, West Germany and the Netherlands — in a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first World Cup.

It promises to be an intriguing tournament with regional pride at stake — Brazil seeking to upstage world champions Argentina and Italy and the Netherlands eager to question West Germany's status as European champions — while the relative merits of South American and European football will again be held up for scrutiny.

None of the six countries can be ruled out, although the most recent world cup winners Argentina and West Germany start favorites.

The only past champions missing are England, who refused to disrupt their domestic competitions and are replaced by the Netherlands, runners-up in 1974 and 1978.

The three European sides start with the disadvantage of finding themselves transported from mid-winter to mid-summer and temperatures which could reach well into the 30's centigrade.

The Netherlands soccer team, defying a call by their government not to compete, arrived Sunday.

The Dutch parliament called on the country's football association earlier this month to boycott the six-nation competition, as a sign of disapproval of Uruguay's military-led government.

The association decided to go ahead with the trip but the government forbade Dutch diplomats here to hold official receptions for the party.

Led by manager Jan Zwartkruis, the 18 players swapped wintry Europe for bright sunshine, humidity and a summer's day registering almost 30 degrees (C). After the long flight the players wandered briefly on the beach by the river Plate before retiring to their seaside hotel.

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Amaral	1	Barcelona	1	Barcelona	1
Portimense	1	Heracles	1	Heracles	1
Benfica	1	Real Betis	1	Real Betis	1
Braga	1	Real Sociedad	1	Real Sociedad	1
Vizcaya	1	Las Palmas	1	Las Palmas	1
Olympique	1	Osasuna	1	Osasuna	1
Antwerp	1	Atletico Madrid	1	Atletico Madrid	1
Apollon	1	Inter	1	Inter	1
Panathinaikos	1	Juventus	1	Juventus	1
Arsenal	1	Parma	1	Parma	1
Atletico	1	Cagliari	1	Cagliari	1
Yokohama	1	Roma	1	Roma	1
Fenerbahce	1	Bologna	1	Bologna	1



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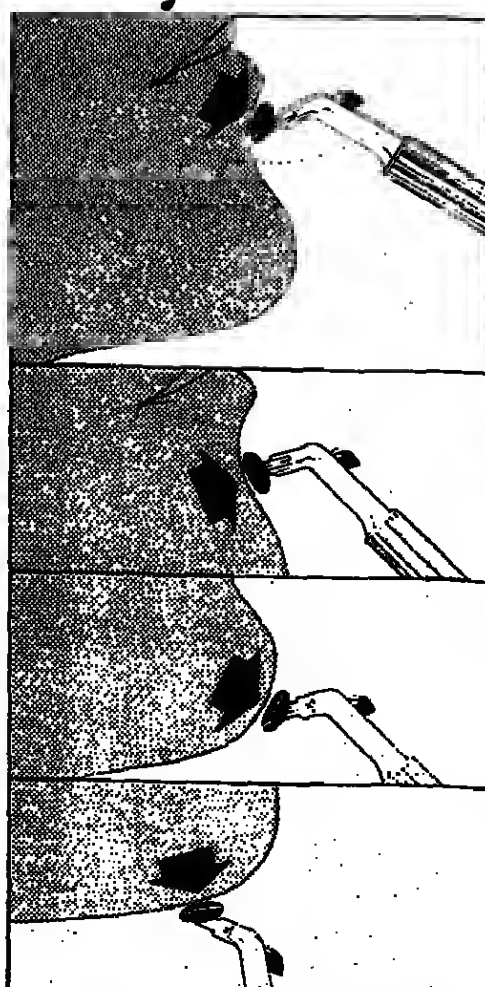
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# National football improves

By Munir Muhammad

JEDDAH, Dec. 29 — The improvement of the Saudi Arabian football standard has become more evident in this year's national league as the gap between the four major clubs — Hilal, Nasr, Ittihad and Ahli — and the remaining clubs of the top ten seems to be closing.

The traditional restriction of competition to the four majors has been broken this year, as clubs like Qadisiyya squeezed into the top positions of the league. In the past years, results of matches between one of the major teams against the smaller ones could be foretold as easy wins.

The fast spreading sports base among the population, coupled with the governments financial assistance and encouragement, teams with limited popularity took great strides and caught up with the major teams. Now every team has at least two foreign players, mostly coming from Brazil and Tunisia. Internationally reputed coaches were hired to help quicken the progress. The gap between the standard of the eight teams could hardly be noticed, if at all. The remaining two teams of the top ten are promoted to division A.

Albalein and Riyadh entered the top two, ranking first and second respectively in the division A league the last season, when Wehda and Ohod descended to Division A by remaining at the bottom. However, Albalein and Riyadh are out looking to the future with optimism as they remain far behind the teams of the top ten, so far.

The Saudi Arabian national team also made considerable progress. Despite the disappointing results during the Islamic games earlier this year, Saudi Arabia is viewed as one of the powerful countries in soccer in the Gulf.



POST TIME: Horses enter the stretch at the Moscow Hippodrome. Soviets at the track love the horse competition like enthusiasts everywhere.

## 76ers falter in forward movement

# Lakers lurch past championship rivals

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP) — It was just one game in the National Basketball Association's lengthy regular season, but there still was a special aura when the two 1979-80 championship finalists met this time.

"There was a lot of energy by both teams, both wanted to win this one a lot," Los Angeles coach Paul Westhead said after his Lakers downed the Philadelphia 76ers 122-116.

The Lakers defeated the 76ers in six games for the NBA crown last season, with Marvin "magic" Johnson starring in the clinching game as Abdul-Jabbar was out with an injury. Sunday night, the Lakers were with-

out the injured Johnson, but Abdul-Jabbar and Jamaal Wilkes combined for 66 points to lead the way.

Abdul-Jabbar scored 34 points and had 13 rebounds and five assists, while Wilkes added 32 points for the Lakers, who took control of the game late in the third period.

In the only other NBA game Sunday, Kansas City beat New Jersey 102-99.

Leading 72-69, Los Angeles ran off a 19-10 string in the final six minutes of the third quarter. Wilkes had 15 points in the period and Abdul-Jabbar 11.

The 76ers, 33-6, have the NBA's best record and their loss to the Lakers, coming on the heels of a loss to Denver, marked the first time this season Philadelphia has dropped two straight.

Michael Cooper added 15 points for the

Lakers, whose record is 25-13, and Nixson had 14. Lionel Hollins had 18 points for the 76ers, while Bobby Jones and Darryl Dawkins added 17 each.

## Kings 102, Nets 99

The Kings handed the Nets their fifth straight loss and 10th in 11 games as Otis Birdsong scored 35 points. Maurice Lucas had a game-high 39 points for the home-standing Nets and Mike Newlin added 24.

Birdsong scored 16 of 20 points in a third-quarter streak that brought the Kings from a 58-56 lead to 78-62 late in the period. But the Nets came back with Birdsong in the bench. A 21-2 streak gave New Jersey an 83-80 lead but Birdsong returned, and with Scott Wedman, rallied the Kings. Wedman scored 10 of the King's final 17 points.

## Cars, trucks, cycles gear up

# Paris-Dakar race to start

PARIS, Dec. 29 (AFP) — More than 250 cars, motorcycles and trucks are gearing up for the 10,000-kilometers (6,250 miles) Paris-Dakar rally which takes off from the foot of the Eiffel Tower early New Year's day and is expected to roar into the Senegalese capital three weeks later.

The first scheduled stop for this determined caravan is Olivet, a French military base near Orleans, where drivers will undergo a special rankings trial Thursday morning. They then head south on the Freoch national highway for a second trial at the military base of Garrigue in Nimes. Competitors are scheduled to reach the Mediter-

anean Port town of Sete by Friday, to embark for Algiers.

But first, all entrants must pass technical and administrative inspections here at the Port de Versailles, after which they will park in the Trocadero Gardens to await the opening of the race. That gives curious Parisians a full day to look over a wild assortment of vehicles that includes an all-terrain Rolls Royce, cycles with extra fuel tanks, Swiss sidecars, and a host of specially-adapted trucks.

## Czechs hit high score

BONN, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Czechoslovakia ran up a 21-4 (npt 21-4) victory over Austria in their group 'A' game at futsal in the World ice hockey championships here Sunday. Period scores were 6-1, 6-3, 9-0.

At nearby Landzofu the Soviet Union also won when they defeated Canada 7-3 (3-1, 3-0) in group 'B'.

Sweden, after trailing 0-1 (0-1, at the end of the first period, crushed the United States 10-2 (0-1, 6-1, 4-0) and at Oberstdorf Finland scored an 8-6 win over West Germany. (3-1 4-3, 1-2).

## At Marlboro Australian Open

# Luis-Clerc washes out

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29 (AFP) — Third-seeded Argentinian Jose Luis-Clerc was blasted out of the \$350,000 Marlboro Australian Open at the Kooyong tennis stadium by burly Australian Mark Edmondson.

Edmondson, a winner of this tournament in 1976, caused the upset by downing the Argentinian 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, in a rain-interrupted match. Play was halted for one hour and 50 minutes as an electrical storm lashed the Kooyong courts but even this was not enough to extinguish the explosive shots from Edmondson.

Clerc, ranked 11 in the world mainly due to his brilliance on slow clay courts, had no answer for the serve and volley game of the Australian. The loss could prove to be an extremely costly one for Clerc since American Brian Gottfried now has a chance of unseating the Argentinian for a place in the Volvo Grand Prix Masters at New York's Madison Square Garden next month.

Gottfried must win this tournament to

snatch the eighth position for the Masters but Sunday his straight sets win over Australian Syd Ball made his task look quite possible.

Clerc follows Vitas Gerulaitis, eliminated Saturday, out of this grand slam event.

Earlier American John Austin ousted big-serving Australian Colin Dibley 6-2, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, in the only other match to be completed.

All outside court matches were postponed after the storm hit. Freoch Davis Cup player Pascal Portes is leading two sets to one against left handed American Peter Rennert after dropping the first set.

The Frenchman seemed to be getting on top of his opponent when rain washed out the match at 3-6, 6-3, 7-6. Australian Davis Cup member Paul McNamee is looking set to meet Edmondson in the next round as he is leading 3-1 in the tiebreaker with two sets in hand against young Australian Chris Johnstone.

Second seed Ivan Lendl came back from two sets down against American Pat DuPre to level his match at two sets all when play was halted at 8:20 p.m. to bad light.



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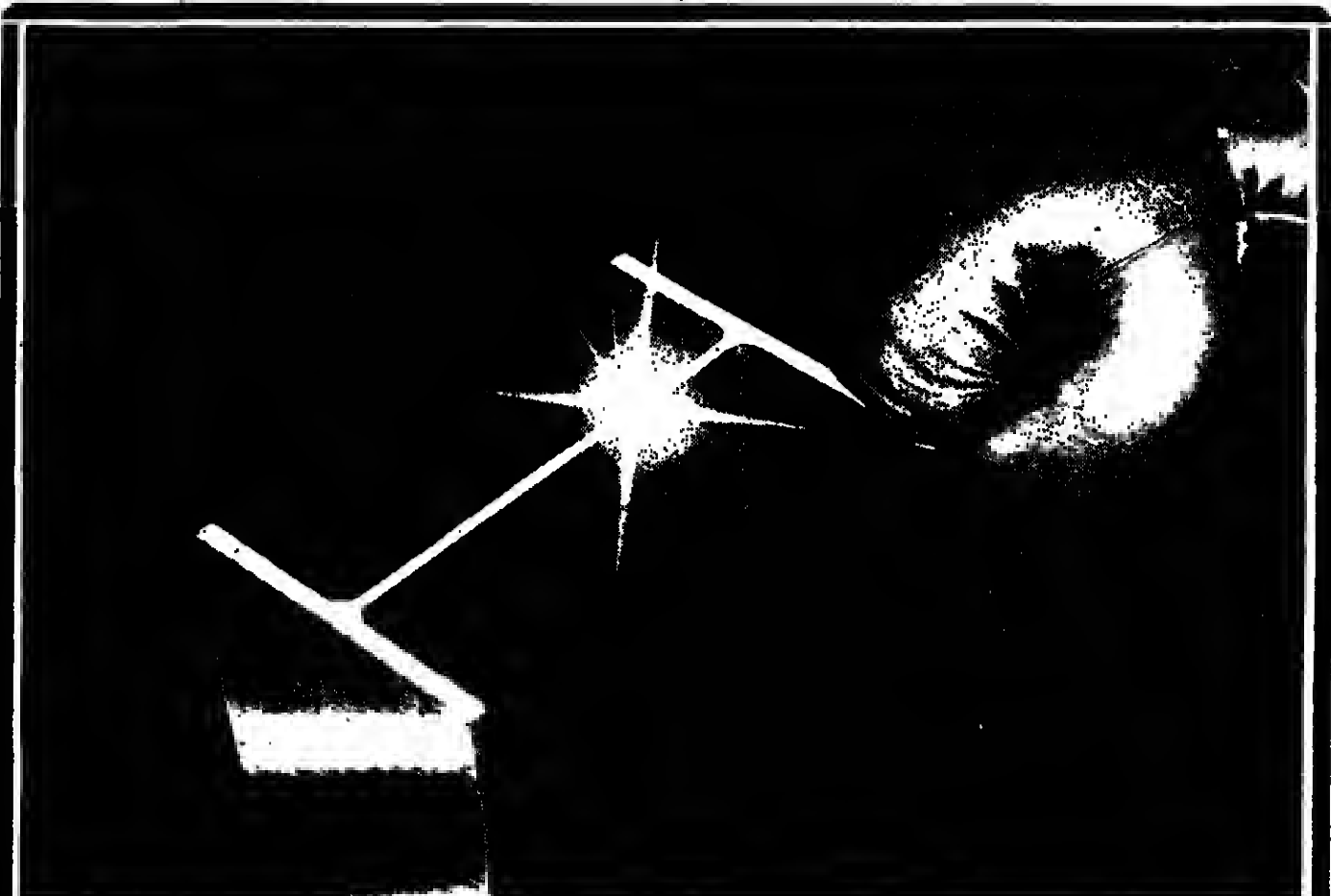
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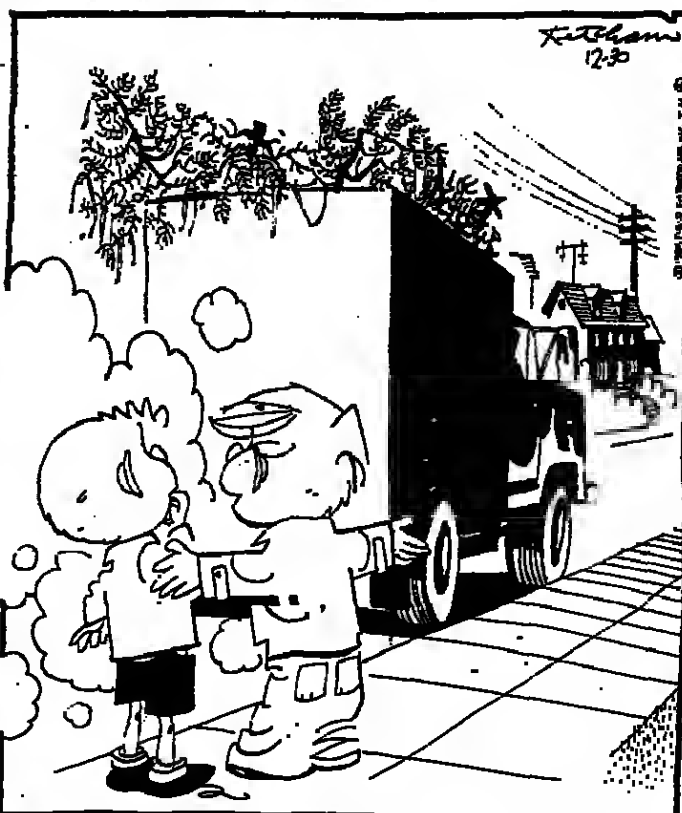
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♣ 5

**WEST**  
♠ 8 7 5 4 3  
♥ A K 9 4 2  
♦ J 8  
♣ 5

**EAST**  
♠ 2  
♥ Q 7 5 3  
♦ K Q 6 4  
♣ 10 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 10 9 6  
♥ 6 5  
♦ 5 3  
♣ A K Q J 2

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Opening lead - king of hearts.

Holmes and Watson were reminiscing before the fireplace at their Baker Street lodgings.

"Watson," said the famous detective, as he exhaled a visible cloud of smoke, "did I ever tell you how I happened into the employ of the Prince of Bosnia, whose affair we concluded a fortnight ago?"

"One evening I was playing at the club with the Prince, whom I had never met before, and became declarer at four spades." The sleuth showed Watson the North-South hands and continued: "West led the

K-A of hearts. How would you have played the hand?"

"I'm afraid I see no problem at all," replied the doctor. "I would ruff, draw trumps and make five-odd."

"Alas, Watson, you would lose control of trumps and surely go down to defeat," retorted Holmes. "You should recognize that only a poor trump division can stop the contract. If you ruffed and drew trumps, you would fall utterly in your quest. You should discard a diamond on the ace of hearts and a club on the heart continuation!"

"You would thus lose the first three tricks, but win the remainder. In fact, that is how I played the hand, and no sooner had I finished than the Prince, who had seen West's hand and thought I would succumb, exclaimed: 'You are exactly the man to undertake an important mission for me. It is precisely such logic and extreme care which a matter that deeply concerns me requires.'"

"And I am equally impressed," said Watson. "You did indeed exercise rare foresight and restraint in refusing the first three tricks. I now see that my impetuous play was wrong and that I failed to perceive the danger lurking unsuspected in the deal. Your sense of discernment is most extraordinary."

"Elementary, my dear Watson," replied Holmes. "Purely elementary."

## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

You may revise your thinking about a partnership or career matter. Watch brusque behavior that could annoy a close tie.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Ethical questions require serious consideration, especially as they apply to a work situation. Think carefully about a distant matter.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)

You can't have it both ways on a romantic matter. Be willing to do your share to resolve mutual problems. Watch irritability.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)

A domestic matter requires serious thought. Don't be touchy in the p.m. Children may be extravagant or careless in some way.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22)

A work situation weighs on you. Unrealistic plans may have to be scuttled. Remember, worrying never solved anything. Have faith.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Don't mope over past mistakes. If you have been extravagant, accept the fact.

Then, budget time and finances.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Things you took for granted require reappraisal. Be honest with yourself about your own capabilities. Don't bite off more than you can chew.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

There are no easy answers, but you needn't lapse into depression. With a more balanced mental outlook, the picture becomes clearer.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Keeping up with the Joneses may have been costly. Review your financial picture. Find less costly entertainments. Watch p.m. agitation.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

An on-again, off-again business deal continues that way. Don't take out your frustrations on a friend. Be considerate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You may have some reservations about some advice you receive. Don't act until the picture is clearer. Watch ego in career matters.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

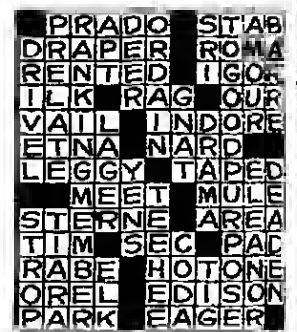
It will be difficult to collect money owed you now. Someone has excuses, which may be legitimate. Watch inner resentments.

## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Debauche  
5 Place for resting  
10 Russian city  
11 Greet  
12 Biblical brother  
13 Typewriter part  
14 Drench  
15 Child of Loki  
16 Openings (anast.)  
17 Without originality  
19 Fish story  
20 Talon  
21 Tyke's toy  
22 Jolly pennant  
24 Request recipient  
25 Baseness  
26 Decline  
27 Man's nickname  
28 Employ stratagem  
31 Prepare to do battle  
32 Sign  
33 Andy Gump's mate  
34 Held in high esteem  
36 Intimation  
37 With sound judgment

**DOWN**  
38 For the nonce  
39 Wound up  
40 European river  
1 Dean Martin TV offering  
2 Bower  
3 Taking cognizance  
4 Building section  
5 Election eve event  
6 Palm leaf  
7 Delirious  
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11 Bout  
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21 Ready to be served  
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7.45 Religious Program  
8.00 News  
8.10 Melodies  
8.30 Literary Magazine  
9.00 NEWS  
9.25 Your Doctor  
9.35 Our Choice (Music)

4.30 Religious Program  
4.45 Press and Current  
5.15 Literary Magazine  
5.45 Our Singer  
6.00 NEWS  
6.15 Press Review  
6.30 On This Day  
6.35 Classical Music

## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

### DHAKIRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show  
5:22 All Star Soccer  
5:30 Safety Film  
6:49 Cinema  
7:14 Little House on the prairie  
7:30 Last Resort  
8:22 Channel 3 Feature

### VOA

**P.M.**  
6:00 News Roundup  
6:05 Reports: Accidents; Opinion: Analysis  
6:30 Database  
6:35 News Summary  
6:40 Special English: The writing of a Nation  
6:45 News Summary  
6:50 Middle East  
7:00 News Roundup  
7:05 Reports: Accidents  
7:08 Opinion: Analysis

**News Summary**  
10:30 VOC Magazine  
10:35 Letter Column: Letter  
11:00 Special English: News  
11:30 Middle East (Ain)

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2:08 Games of Children  
2:10 Saudi Tablata  
2:20 On Islam  
2:30 Radio Magazine  
2:35 NEWS  
2:40 Sports Round-up  
2:45 World of Machines  
2:50 A Selection of Music  
3:40  
3:50 Cutdown

**Evening Transmission**  
8:00 Opening  
8:05 Holy Quran  
8:08 Games of Children  
8:10 Light Music  
8:15 The Evening Show  
8:45 Reflections at a Muslim  
10:00 Islamic Contributions  
10:10 Music  
10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Soapbox  
11:00 The World of the Guitar  
11:15 Round and About  
11:45 On Islam  
12:00 In the Quiet  
12:30 Music  
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams  
01:00 Cutdown

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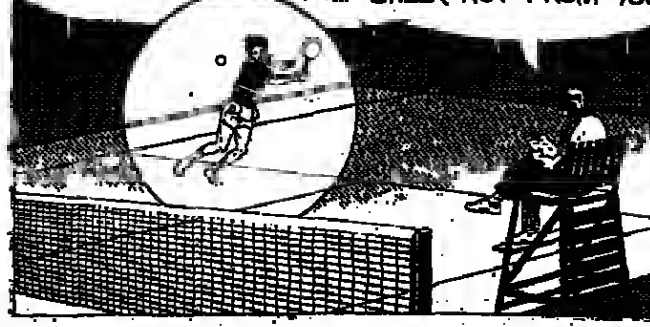
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6:05 Twenty-Four Hours  
6:10 News Summary  
6:30 Saudi World  
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6:50 Newsday  
6:55 Open Road  
7:00 World News  
7:05 Twenty-Four Hours  
7:10 Saudi World  
7:15 Something to Show You  
7:20 World News  
7:25 British Press Review  
7:30 World Today  
7:35 Financial News  
7:40 Look Ahead  
7:45 The Tony Mynn

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1:15 Update in Focus  
1:30 Discovery  
1:40 World News  
1:45 News about Britain  
1:50 Radio Newsworld  
1:55 Sports Round-up  
2:00 World News  
2:05 Sports International  
2:10 Radio Newsworld  
2:15 Promenade Concert  
2:20 Sports Round-up  
2:25 World News  
2:30 Twenty-Four Hours  
2:35 News Summary  
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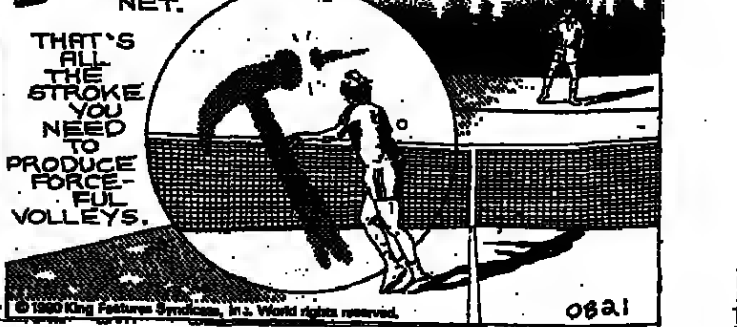
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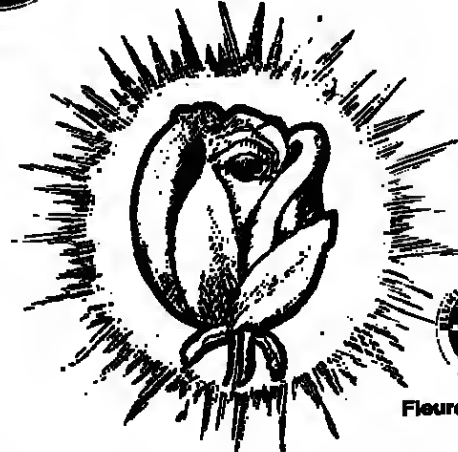
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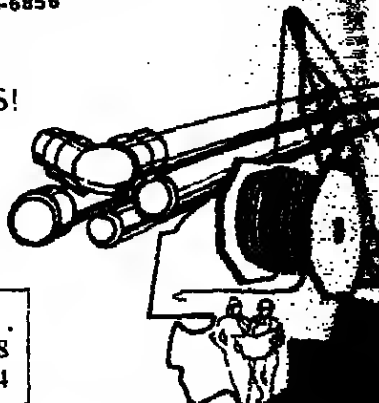
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## 'Barbarian' remark draws fire in Iran

TEHRAN, Dec. 29 (AP) — The speaker of Iran's parliament reacted angrily Monday to President-elect Ronald Reagan's charge that the American hostages were "kidnapped by barbarians," and the Iranian official implied that the United States was trying to swindle Iran.

Reagan was asked by reporters in Los Angeles, California, Sunday if he could go along with the latest Iranian proposal for a \$9

## Angry Jiang dragged from packed court

PEKING, Dec. 29 (AP) — Shouting "I am prepared to die," the widow of Chairman Mao Tse-tung disrupted her trial again Monday and was dragged out of court, Communist Chinese sources said. The prosecutor demanded she be sentenced to death.

Jiang Qing, 67, reviled the court during her defense hearing, yelling "it is right to rebel" and "making revolution is no crime," the sources said.

She was ordered to leave after her outburst, but refused to move and was hauled out by bailiffs in front of 600 spectators, they said. Jiang also was expelled from court for disruptive behavior on Dec. 12. Official accounts did not mention Jiang's tirade, but said prosecutor Jiang Wen urged the court to sentence her to death after she finished her "unreasonably tricky" defense statement.

The state-run Xinhua news agency also quoted the prosecutor as criticizing Mao himself for not apprehending Jiang at the time of her alleged crimes. It was one of the sharpest published attacks to date on the late founder of Communist China, but it stopped short of implicating Mao directly in the alleged crimes of the Cultural Revolution, for which his widow has been charged.

Monday's testimony was the final and most explosive appearance by Jiang before the court bands down verdicts and sentences in the trial of her and nine other disgraced radicals. The defendants, including the famous "Gang of Four" politicians led by Jiang, are accused of treason and the persecution of thousands of people during the 10 years of purges that began in 1966.

Chinese officials maintain Mao was not involved in the crimes allegedly committed without his knowledge when he was old and ill. Jiang has insisted her actions were legal and approved by Mao himself.

"It is futile for Jiang Qing to attempt to cover up her counter-revolutionary by using Chairman Mao as high priest," Xinhua quoted the prosecutor as saying Monday.

But he criticized Mao for other mistakes made during the period.

"The people of all nationalities throughout the country are very clear, that chairman Mao was responsible, so far as his leadership was concerned, for their plight," he said.

billion down-payment for the release of the 52 hostages, with the rest of the terms to be negotiated.

"No," he replied. "I don't think you pay ransom for people that have been kidnapped by barbarians."

Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of the Majlis responded to Reagan's comments from the floor of the 228-seat assembly saying Iran was not worried about confronting the United States.

"We are not scared of your threats," he said.

"We want our money back and you call it ransom," Rafsanjani said. The deposit of financial guarantees was necessary to "prevent you from swindling us. The world must know that according to our Islamic morality we wanted to solve the hostage issue but it is the U.S. which looks about for an excuse. We will settle accounts with you."

Iran asked the United States earlier this month to deposit \$24 billion with the Algerian government as guarantees for assets Iran wants returned. Monday was the hostages' 422nd day of captivity.

Commenting on the television film of the hostages released over the Christmas holidays, Rafsanjani said: "All the world saw the film of the spies and knows they are healthy and happy after a year and some months."

"You call this treatment barbaric and uncivilized but the savage crimes of the U.S. in the world are not considered savage and are said to be signs of civilization."

Rafsanjani was interrupted three times during the course of his remarks by Majlis deputies shouting "God is great" and "Death to America."

Iranians at separate religious holiday demonstrations in Tehran and other cities Sunday called on the government and the Majlis to set a deadline for the United States to accept Iran's terms, the official Pars news agencies reported. There was no immediate reaction from the Iranian government.

Rafsanjani also singled out the Soviet Union for criticism, objecting to Moscow's protests Sunday about lack of protection for the Soviet Embassy during a demonstration by Afghan exiles in Tehran.

## Farm unionists head for Warsaw

WARSAW, Dec. 29 (R) — Thousands of private farmers were converging on Warsaw Monday to back their new union's bid to win official recognition.

The farmers, members of the "Rural Solidarity" union which now claims over a million members, plan and to stage a rally outside the supreme court Tuesday the day the court is scheduled to review the union's application for registration. Its initial application was turned down by the Warsaw provincial court last October on the grounds that the private farmers, who work more than 80 per cent of the land, are self-employed.



Ronald Reagan

## Assam crippled by general strike protesting deaths

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (AP) — A general strike closed markets, stores and schools and crippled government operations Monday in the northeastern state Assam, reports from the area said.

The 34-hour work stoppage was called by students to protest the recent slayings of eight people in a clash with police. The killings occurred when police fired at stone-hurling demonstrators demanding relocation of "millions" of aliens.

The students are spearheading a 14-month agitation against the immigrants, mostly Muslims from Bangladesh.

Many government employees boycotted their offices Monday, the United News of India reported. Railroad services, road traffic, banks and post offices were also affected, it said.

No violence was reported from any part of the state, where more than 250 people have died since agitation began last year. Talks between the student leaders and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government failed and recently the youths rejected a fresh offer for negotiations on the foreigners issue.

The demonstrators say that immigrants who came to the state between 1961-71 from neighboring Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, should be distributed across the country. The government says it will deport aliens who came after 1971 but refuses to concede the demand about those who arrived earlier.

## 'Bedside manners'

## Doctors learn personal touch

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, Dec. 29 (AP) — Two doctors at children's hospital, convinced that modern medicine could use a dose of old-fashioned warmth and sensitivity, are studying their colleagues' "bedside manners."

"The job of the doctor goes beyond simply seeing if all of the organs are functioning properly," Dr. Gordon Hodas, a child psychiatrist, said. "There's a need for a personal touch, a need to treat the whole person, to understand what really makes people tick."

Hodas and Dr. Paul Honig, a pediatrician, have received a 2 1/2-year, \$78,328 grant from the William Penn Foundation to teach "interpersonal skills" to first-year physicians doing their hospital residency, in hopes of reducing worry among patients.

The physicians are videotaped in the hospital's outpatient clinic as they take medical histories and examine young patients in the presence of one or both parents. The tape is reviewed and critiqued, with Hodas and Honig later pointing out strengths and weaknesses to the resident pediatricians.

"No, you can't teach empathy. It has to be there," Honig said. "But if it's there you can teach people to make maximum use of it, to spread around personal warmth and understanding."

The residents and the parents of the patients know about the experiment, and a television camera is quite visible in a corner of the examination room. Honig and Hodas watch a television monitor in a room down the hall.

The subject the other day was Bob Ross, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Sallie Johnson had brought her 2-week-old daughter, Quetta, for her first physical. The camera was on. A reporter watched with the two doctors.

After several minutes, Honig turned to the psychiatrist and noted: "I think you ought to mention that he really hasn't touched the kid."

"He's strictly business. He knows he's being watched, and he doesn't feel free enough yet to be spontaneous. He seems like he has to follow the cookbook way of doing things."

"We feel that each doctor needs to be doing two things," Hodas added. "He needs to touch the mother, make contact with her,

## Italian police poised to attack prison

TRANI, Italy, Dec. 29 (AP) — Heavily armed police reinforcements surrounded the Trani maximum security prison Monday for a possible assault to rescue the 19 guards taken hostage by about 70 prisoners, including a number of convicted terrorists, authorities reported.

While police helicopters circled overhead, nearly 200 paramilitary policemen clad in bullet-proof vests and armed with sub-machine guns and rifles took up positions around the prison compound in this city on the Adriatic Coast north of Bari. The guards, all unarmed, were grabbed by the prisoners returning to their cells from the afternoon break Sunday. The prisoners harried themselves in two wings of the prison, built in 1975 and one of the most modern prisons in Italy. One guard reportedly was injured while being taken prisoner, but there was no official confirmation.

Prison sources said the rebels had handed over a note as they sat down to negotiate with Nicola De Marinis, the state prosecutor in the

## Kabul reported calm for anniversary

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 29 (AP) — The first anniversary of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan passed without significant incidents Saturday in Kabul, the Afghan capital, a Western diplomatic source said Monday.

The source, quoting a report from Kabul, said the call for a general strike by insurgent leaders was generally ignored although some shopkeepers opened their stores one hour

later than usual. Only a few stores remained closed the entire day, he said.

Security was tight in the city on Saturday and no public ceremonies other than a long speech by President Babrak Karmal at the Salam Khana Auditorium marked the anniversary, said the informant, who asked not to be identified.

## 19 guards held hostage

Trani area. They said the prisoners were demanding the closing of all maximum security prisons for terrorists and the abolition of a law which enables police to hold terror suspects up to 48 hours without charges.

"We have in our hands 20 hostages — 19 here and one outside," the attack was reportedly said, referring to Judge Giovanni D'Urso, who was kidnapped two weeks ago by the Red Brigades.

Quoting unnamed prison sources, several Italian newspapers reported that the attack was led by Toni Negri, a former law professor at Padua University and a top theoretician of the ultra-leftist groups in Italy. Negri, 46, implicated in various terrorist charges, is believed to be held in the Trani prison. Prison officials refused to confirm or deny the report.

Officials said the rebel convicts, believed to include several members of the Red Brigades and its ideological ally Prima Linea (Front Line), were being aided in the negotiations by a local lawyer they brought in Sunday night.

The newspapers also said among other prisoners being held in the prison are Carlo Alunni, a reputed leader of Prime Linea and Red Brigades terrorists Luciano Ercaro, Bravo and Giuliano Maria. Bravo and Maria were convicted on charges on forming an armed group, but recent investigations also implicated them in the 1975 murder of Genoa Prosecutor Francobio Coco.

The maximum security wings of the prison are under the direct control of Gen. Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the Carabinieri general in charge of anti-terrorist operations throughout northern Italy. Wives, children and parents of many of the guards spent the night outside the prison gate, seeking information inside the prison.

Sergio Todisco, a local lawyer who reportedly had no previous dealings with terrorists, was brought into the prison under heavy guard at the request of the prisoners.

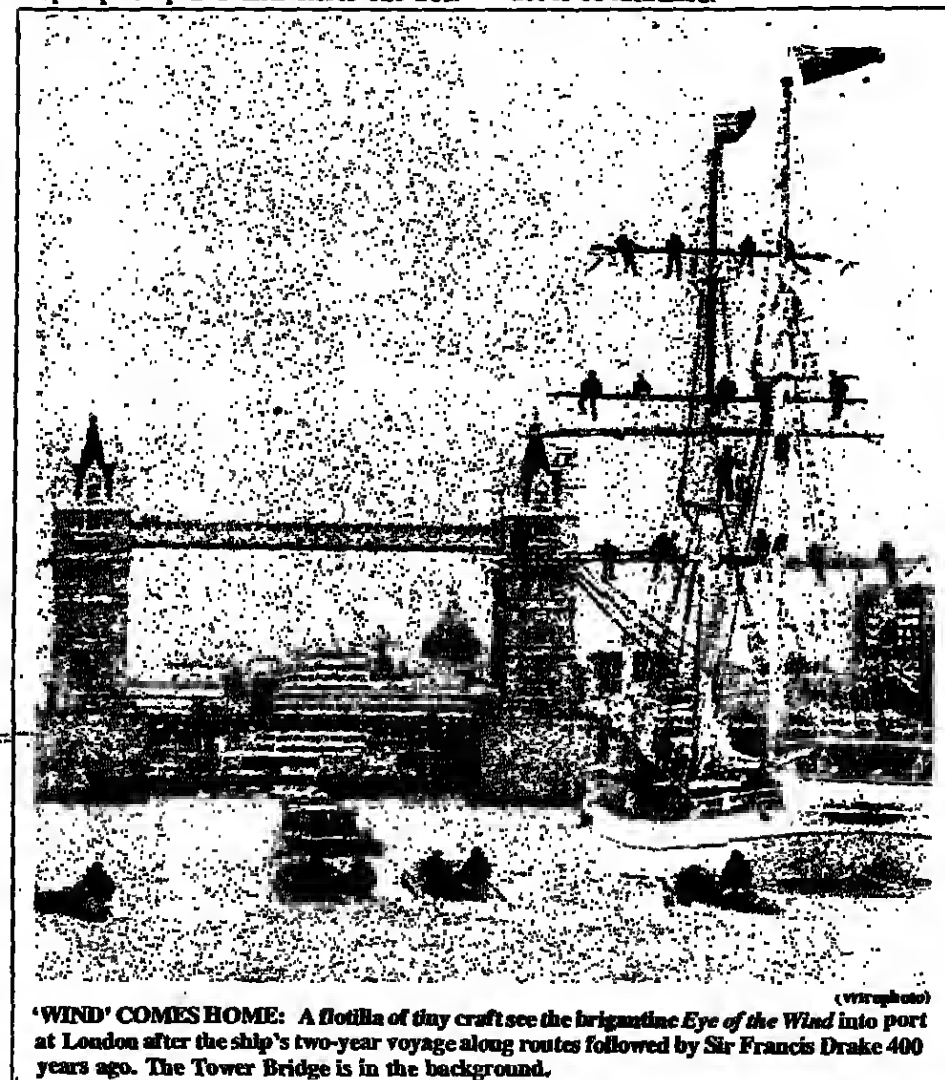
## Gold prices dip

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP) — Business was extraordinarily quiet on world money and bullion markets Monday, dealers reported with the dollar mixed and gold prices slightly lower than last week.

London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$602.25 a troy ounce, down from \$604 at the close last Wednesday before the long holiday break. In Zurich gold traded at a median \$602.50 an ounce, down from \$604.50 last Wednesday.

A London bullion dealer said a slightly firmer dollar in early European foreign exchange trading was the only factor moving the gold price. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$603.79, down \$3.47 last Saturday.

Silver was quoted in London mid-morning at \$16.43 an ounce, down slightly from \$16.50 last Wednesday. Eurodollar interest rates rose Monday, but trading was slack, dealers said.



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